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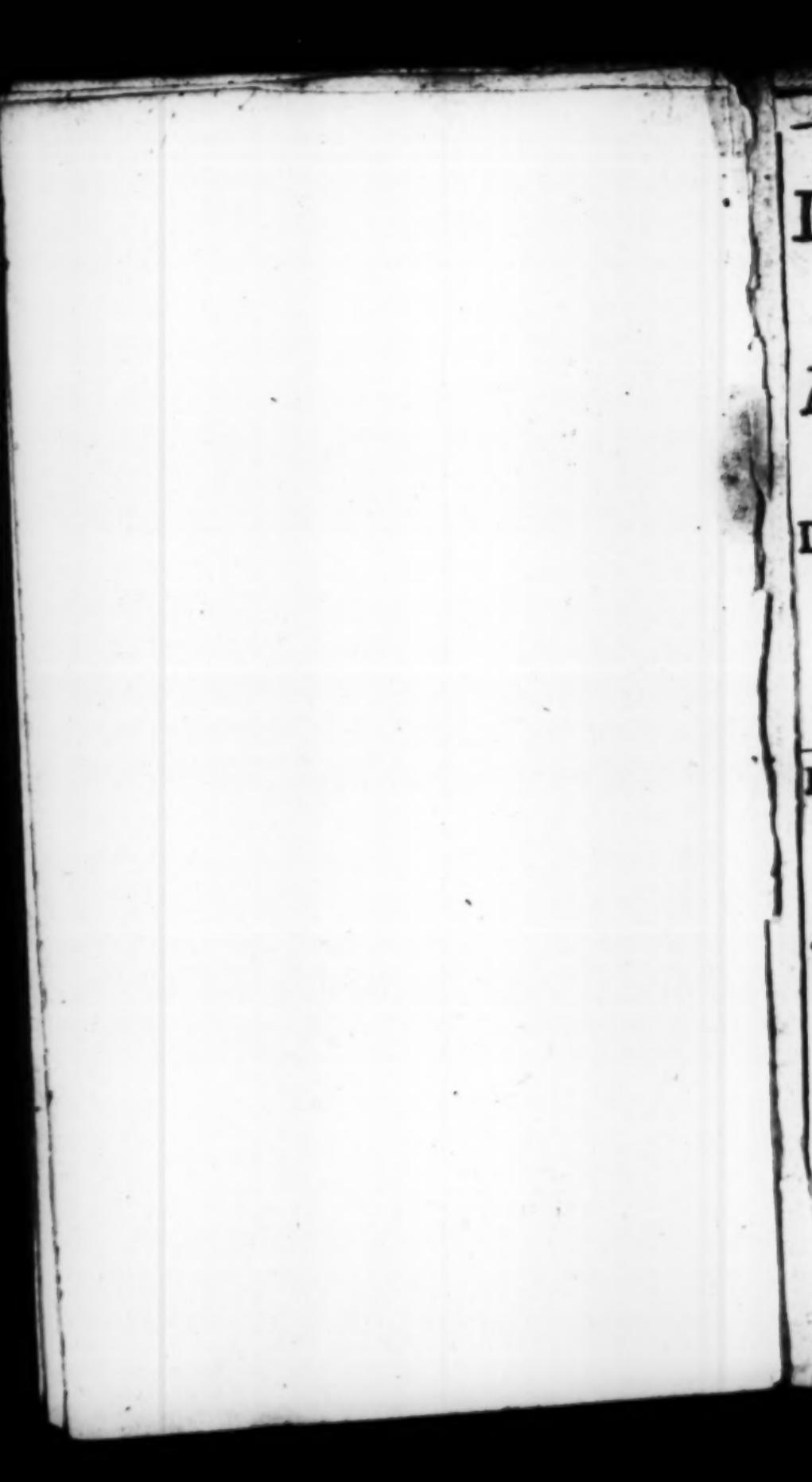
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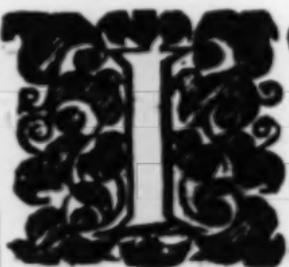
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The Life of that Reverend Divine, Dr. Colet, sometime Dean of St. Pauls.

 Ohn Colet, Son of Sir Henry Colet, Mercer, and twice Lord Mayor of London, was the only surviving Child his Parents had of two and twenty. Thus God, though he breaks the Ring, left them the Diamond in preserving him alive.

In his Youth he visited Foreign parts, and the scattered perfections of several Nations he Collected and distilled

into himself, Returning home, in Oxford he publickly expounded all Saint Paul's Epistles with no less profit to others than Applause to himself. He taught the Learned there to beat their swords into Mattocks, and their spears into pruning-hooks, to turn Disputes into Doctrines, Controversies into positive Divinity.

Then began the beams of his worth to shine in the Court, and King Henry the seventh (a knowing Prince who generally grounded his Favour on desert) for his well expounding Saint Paul's Epistles, made him Dean of Saint Pauls
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in London. Here Colet read his former Lectures over again, preferring rather to set on the Table wholesome cold meat which had been there once before, than to feed his Auditors with flesh half raw, thought hot from the spit.

But day shall as soone be without Night, as a grand merit without envy attending it. Some accused him as not thorow paced in his Religion, and confining on Heresie in some Opinions, as denying due reverence to Images and Saints, &c.

But as our Colet preferred the immediate going to God before mediation of Saints, so God

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gave him the happiness to have direct access to his Earthly King, without applying himself to the favour of Courtiers. King Henry the Eight had the hearing of his cause, and dismissed him with this worthy testimony: Let other men choose what Doctor they please, this Man shall be my Doctor.

He was (as I may say) a Luther before Luther, for his Doctrine. A strict shunner of vice in himself, and punisher of it in those that were under him. Look on this Treatise to behold his faith, and on Saint Pauls School (which he Founded) to see his Charity.

By T. F. DD.

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A fruitful Direction,
and Order of a good Christian
Life, very profitable to be regarded
of all People. With sundry fruitful
Precepts to be followed. Made
by that worthy Man, Dr. Coler,
sometime Dean of St.
Pauls.

Remember first of all (virtuous Reader) that it is high wisdom, and great perfection thy self to know, and then thy self to despise; thou must know that thou hast nothing that good is of thy self, but of God: for the gifts of God is nature and a'l other temporal gifts of this world, which be lawfully and truly obtained, well considered, are come to thee by the infinite goodness and grace of God, and not thy self. Wherefore and in especial it is necessary for thee to know, that God of his great grace, hath made thee his Image, having regard to thy memory, understanding and will, and that God is thy Maker, and thou his wretched

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Creature, and thou art redeemed of God by the passion of Jesus Christ, and is thy helper, thy refuge, and thy deliverer from all evil, and to consider and know the goodly order which God of his infinite wisdom hath ordained thee to be ordered by : as to have these temporal goods for the necessity of the body, the body and sensual appetites to be ordered by the soul, the soul to be ordered by reason and grace, to know thy duty to God, and to thy Neighbour ; and by all common reason if thou do keep this convenient order to God and his Creatures, they shall keep their order to thee : but if thou do break thy order to them, of likelihood they shall break their order to thee ; for how should thy Wife, Children, Servants, and other Creatures with thee which thou hast doings, do their duty, and keep their order to thee, if thou dost not so to God and to man ? And also think thou of a surety, if thy sensual appetite be not ordered by reason and grace, thou art worse ordered than a beast ; for thou then livest out of order, and so doth not a Beast ; which is a great shame and rebuke to thee, being a reasonable creature, and without the great mercy of God , it shall be thine eternal destruction : wherefore I say consider what thy

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thy sin is, in the ignorance of God, of thy self, and of thine own evil, and of his holiness ; and search thine impenitency in this, that thou makest too light account of Gods justice, and therefore thy heart waxeth hard; it is far without feeling of faith, either toward God, or love towards thy Neighbour, so that thou likest and lovest sin, and hast no grief nor hatred for it : Examine further, whether thou hast not neglected Gods Word, either not in diligent hearing of it preached or read, or when thou hast heard it, in not regarding it : nay, whether thou hast not had more delight to read unprofitable things,avouring altogether of the flesh, such as thou shouldst be afraid once to think of as it would have beseemed thy holy profession, and whether thou hast not rebelled against it, whilst thou hast withstood the working of it, that thou should mortifie the old man, changing it, and gaining upon it daily, till it be framed to Gods most holy will ; and if thou shalt find these things in thee ; then judge thy self of sin, that thou be not judged of the Lord, for it is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God. Moreover judge thy self for putting no difference between Gods will and thy corrupt will, through which thou hast neglected

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Gods will, and love thine own to fly from his and follow thine own; which then hath plainly shewed it self, when his was plainly taught to be contrary to thine, and yet thou didst yield to it, in breathing forth unseemly and ungodly pangs, ragings, and murmurings against it; and therefore judge thy self of this intollerable pride of mind, and stubbornness of heart, and of these unbridled affections, rebelling and murmuring against God, and mis-judging of him that reproveth thee: Further, see whether thou hast judged thy self for neglect of prayer, when thou hast omitted many dayes, never regarding it, but as a prop'ane person hast no once thought of thy duty therein: and when thou hast prayed, hast done it in the ceremony, without taste or remorse of faith or sin, in such coldness and broken sort, that there hath been no life nor comfort in it: Judge thy self, whether in prayer; thou hast practised the exercises of a broken heart healed in Christ, and changed into righteousness: whether the just meditation of Gods goodness moveth thee to offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and worketh in thee the love thereof, that thou mightest be stirred up to love him, and to walk in that obedience that he requireth of thee: And because

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because the abusing of Gods Creatures is a great sin, examine thy self, whether thou dost mis-use them in a forge fulness of God, in pride of life to please thy self in the creature more than in the Creator, seeing with the abuse of them to set forth thy self in pride, to please thy self and the fleshly eyes of others, rather, than in bumble ness, to use them to the pleasing and praying Almighty God the Creator, In the use of all which things, the love of God, which appeareth unto thee to a continual meditation, to make thee to spye out sin in thy self, and to judge that to be sin, which is sin indeed, and in no wise to mince or diminish it, or to cover it with the figg leaves of thine own vain excuses, but to lay it open before the Lord nakedly and plainly as it is; so that thou call not sin righteousness, nor righteousness sin; good, evil, nor evil good: but condemn that which thou knowest to be sin, to abhor it, to flee from it, without all hypocrisie and cloaking of it with self-love, or nourishing it, or else with lightnesse and contempt to dwell in it; and therefore thou must examine this sin throughly, of not applying thy heart and mind to meditate and understand, to believe and taft of the work of thy salvation wrought in Christ crucified, through

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through which thou walkest in a security, wanting faith, and yet not feeling thy want, wanting the food of life, and the taste of God, and yet hungrest not after it, but thinkest thy self full when thou art empty, and nevertheless art not empty and poor indeed, to beg it at God's hands the supplyer thereof; through which thou feelest not thy incorporation into Christ's body, feel the effect thereof in Christ's death, to die from sin in his Resurrection, to live to Righteousness in his Ascension: to ask after Heavenly things, and to leave the Earth and flesh, in his coming again, to be ready with faith and joy to meet him: And here withall weigh what a great sin it is, not to hearken to the Spirit of God, when it might work in it, whereby thou dost grieve it and quench it, when thou dost not gladly obey it, and yield to the motions of it; And therefore judge thy self for not putting off the old man with all his works, and for not putting on the new man, in bringing forth the fruits of regeneration, for not considering thine exile in the flesh from God, or in this World from Heaven: to lament it, and the cause of it, and to extoll the providence of God, by which thou livest: and for being idle, vain, proud, in thinking, speaking, and doing.

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Again, for not feeling the estate of Gods afflicted Church, to sorrow in the affliction of it: for not seeking zealously to gloriſe his Gospel, through which thou art not thoroughly touched for any ſalſe Doctrine, Idolatry, or ſin: for ſtanding againſt which, the Saints of God have been, and ſtill are perfeceſed and killed, and yet thou liueſt careleſly without feeling of it; and art at a good point, ſink it, ſwim it. To conclude then, I mean by ſin whatſoever is declared to be ſin in the word of God, which lyeth either ſeen or unſeen in our hearts, of what estate ſoever we be, and appereith in life, which is found out by the word of God and ſo adjudged, which thou oughteſt to lament before God in the exercises of a broken heart, to beat down thy heart with humbleneſſ, to cauſe thee to beg mercy of taſte of heart, and of very need, to ſeek that I evenly Physician Jesus Christ, and of eager deſire to ſeed on him by faſth, to the aſſurance of life and ſalvation, that the ſweetneſſ thereof may work in thee the love of thy God to praife him, the love of his written Word to do it, and in doing it to deify thyſelf, thy will, affection, and life; that with humbleneſſ thou maift walk alwayes with and before the Lord in the holmeſ.

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righteousnes; that pleaseth him , knowing
that his eye doth search thy heart and life,
to see in it his will done and obeyed : I say
alwayes, thou which when thou dost not,
thou displeaseſt him, and therefore must ask
mercy ; and ſo if thou continually ſtrive and
labour to do it, he doth accept thy imper-
fect doings in Christ to encourage thee to
take better ho'd, and to do better, &c.
Wherfore think, and thank God, and ut-
terly despife thy ſelf, and think thy ſelf a
wretch, in that God hath done ſo much for
thee, and thou haſt ſo often offend his High-
neſſ, and alſo done him ſo little ſervice : and
ſurely it is alſo great wiſdom for thee to
think, that if it had pleased God for to have
given to all other men grace, as he hath given
to thee, that they would have ſerved him
better than thou haſt done : wherefore by
his mercy, and grace, call unto thy remem-
brance the degree or dignity which Almighty
God, of his goodneſſ, hath called thee
unto, and according thereto, yield thy debt,
and do thy duty : First, and principally ,
honour God as thy Maker, love him as thy
Redeemer, fear him as thy Judge. Seco-
ndly, thy Neighbour, which is thy ſuperior
obey : have concord and peace with them
which be like with thee in degree, and have
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mercy on thy inferiors. Thirdly, provide thee to have a heart purged, and a good custody of thy tongue: and in all thy words and deeds have ever in thy mind that thou shalt dye shortly, and that God heareth and seeth every thing, and that nothing is so privately done but it shall be made open. And every morning among other Meditations and Prayers, pray unto the Lord God, that the day following thou mayest use this wretched world, in thy thoughts, words, and deeds, that thou mayest by the merits of Christ's passion, eschew the pains of Hell, and come to the joy everlasting; And in executing thereof, keep truth in words and deeds, defend no man, nor no matter against the truth. In all things think and trust in God, and he shall direct thy wayes: Trust not to thine own wit, but fear God, and he will keep thee from evil: Be content to hear good counsel, though it be contrary to thy will, for he is a very fool that will hear nothing gladly but what is according to his own mind: do no man harm, lest thou suffer the same; as thou wouldest be done unto, so do thou unto others: be such to others as thou desirest they should be unto thee. If thou be Religious, remember that the due execution of true Religion, is not in the wearing of the

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the habit, but with a clear mind in very deed, to execute the rules of true Religion; and the ordinances thereof: If thou be laye and unmarried, keep thee clean unto the time thou be married, and remember the sore and terrible punishment of Noahs floud, and of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, done to man for mis-rising flesh; and if thou intend to marry, or to be married, and hast a good Wife; thank God therefore, for she is of his sending; and remember that there be three things pleasing to the Spirit of God, that is to say, concord between Brethren, love and charity betw een Neighbours, and a man & wife well agreeing together: & I ave in remembrance, that the intent of marriage is not in the beastly appetite of the flesh, but to eschew the evil thereof, or to have Children. And if thou have Children, as much as thou maist, bring them up in virtue, to be the Servants of God; for it were better for them and thee not to be born than otherwise. In thine Authority, busie thee rather to be beloved of thine Inferiors, than to be dreaded. Let thy Subjects and Servants rather serve and obey thee for love, than for dread or need: With such a Sovereign goodness govern thy Subjects, that they may be glad to serve thee, both in punishment

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punishment and in cherishing: Keep a mea-
surable mean, be not too streight, forget not
to keep a convenient measure in all thy
works: go not to meat but as a reasonable
man, with thanks to God for his gifts; and
then remember, that more be sick, and dye
by superfluities of meats and drinks, than
otherwise. Wherefore eat with measure, so
live in health; at thy meat have no other but
honest communication, and such as is accor-
ding to thy knowledge; back-bite no man;
be merry in honesty, for sorrow and care
hath killed many, and no profit is therein.
In no wise swear without compulsion of the
Law; for whereas is great swearing, from
thence is never the plague of God. In no
wise brawl, nor chide; for *Solomon* saith,
*Better is a little with joy, than much with
brawling and contention:* And he saith, *An
evil person is ever chiding;* and therefore the
Angel of God shall be sent against him: Be
content at all times to give part of that which
God hath sent thee, for he that will not hear
the cry of the poor, shall cry to God and not
be heard. With good providence and dis-
cretion, see the time where, when, how,
why, and wherefore thou speakest, dost, or
biddest any thing to be done: when thou
deemest or judgest any thing to be done, in

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poor or rich, behold and consider the cause, and not the person: be as meek in other mens causes and offences, as in thine own: sit never in doom and judgment, without pity and mercy; for while thou hast pity and mercy on other mens offences, thou hast mercy on thine own: for in what measure thou measurest to others, it shall be measured to thee again; yet thou must execute judgment: for to do mercy and justice is more pleasing to God, than to pray, or do sacrifice unto him; Judge no man by light suspicion, prove first, and then Judge; in doubts, refer the Judgment and sentence to Gods might, and what thou knowest not, commit it to Gods might, have little or none affection of these earthly and transitory things; for blessed is the Rich man that trusteth not in money or treasure; remember as a man loveth so he is; for the lover is in the thing loved, more properly than in himself; wherefore if a man love earthly things, he may be called an earthly man; but if he love properly Heavenly things, o: God, he may be called an Heavenly or a Godly man: therefore love God and heavenly things, for undoubtedly that is the best and most assured love; for they be, and ever shall be permanent, and all earthly things be soon vanished

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and ended, and so the love of them is in vain. Also it is high wisdom to fear God; for that he saith himself, fear not him that can kill the body, and cannot hurt the Soul; but fear him that can kill the body and also the Soul, and commit them to everlasting pain. Wherefore every evening before thou go to bed, call to thy remembrance, as much as thou canst, thy thoughts, words, and deeds, said and done that day: And if any have been to thine own profit, and to the pleasure of God, heartily thank him, for by his grace it was done: and if any have been contrary to his will and pleasure, ask heartily mercy, & reconcile thy self shortly to him by repentance, to eschew the everlasting destruction of thy soul: For as St. Augustine saith, there is not a greater madness, than for a little temporal delectation which is soon done, to lose the eternal joy, and to be bound to everlasting pain: From the which, the Almighty Father by his infinite power and mercy, bitter passion and infinite wisdom of Jesus Christ; and by the infinite goodness and charity of the Holy Ghost, keep us now and for ever. Amen.

Jam. 5. 20. Let him know, that he which hath converted a sinner from going astray out of his way, shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins. What

What Prayer is.

Prayer is an humble request either of the heart, or tongue, or both unto God, proceeding from our belief and acknowledgment of his power, as God, and of his goodness, as our Father in Jesus Christ, to supply all our necessities, with thanksgiving unto him for any blessing received.

The parts of Prayer are usually three.

1. Humble Confession.
2. Petition or Supplication.
3. Hearty Thanksgiving.

1. Confession.

Which is an humble and penitent repetition of our former wickedness, with an acknowledgment of punishments and miseries thereby deserved, and with an earnest desire and prayer for absolution, and that for Jesus Christ alone.

Written with an English pen
and printed by me.

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What Prayer is.

O He that covereth his sins shall not prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them, shall have mercy, *Prov. 28. 13.*

I said I will confess my transgressions to the Lord, and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin, *Psal. 32. 5.*

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness, *1 John 1. 19.*

My mis-deeds prevail against me; O be thou merciful to my sins, *Psal. 67. 3.*

2. Petition.

Petition or Supplication is that part of Prayer, in which we beseech God, the Author of all good, and punisher of all ill, for all the mercies, comforts, Graces, and blessings of this Life and the Life to come, and for deliverance from all fears, ills, dangers, and punishments of this Life, and the Life to come, for our selves and others, and all for the merits of Christ Jesus alone, and his mediation.

Hearken unto my voyce, O Lord, when I cry unto thee: have mercy upon me, and hear me, *Psal. 27. 8.*

Hear me, O God, in the multitude of thy mercies: even in the depth of thy salvation, *Psal. 69. 14.*

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Who can tell how oft he offendeth? O cleanse me from my secret faults, *Psal. 19.*

Have mercy upon me, O God, after thy great goodness, according to the multitude of thy mercies do away my offences, *Psal. 51.*

Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved, *Rom. 10.*

3. Hearty Thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving is an humble joyful acknowledgment and expression of our thanks unto Almighty God for any mercy or blessing received, or promised; and for preservation and deliverance from any calamity, danger, or distress, with denial of our own merits of the least of these, and a magnifying of the greatness and goodness of God unto us in and through Jesus Christ.

Give thanks unto the Lord and call upon his Name, *Psal. 105.*

Whosoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father, and by him, *Col. 3. 17.*

My mouth shall daily speak of thy righteousness and salvation; for I know no end thereof, *Psal. 71. 13.*

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O that men would therefore praise the Lord for his goodness, and declare the wonders he doth for the children of men: that they would offer unto him the sacrifice of thanksgiving, *Psal. 107.*

O Lord thou art my God, I will exalt thee, I will praise thy Name, for thou hast done wonderful things, *Isa. 25. 1.*

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits he hath done unto me?

I will take the cup of Salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord, *Psal. 116.*

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Most comfortable Prayers for Sunday Morning.

O Lord my God and Heavenly Father; blessed be thy Name for ever: dispose my heart; open my lips, and give me by Holy Spirit, to a true acknowledgement of all my sins, that my prayers may be heard of thee, in the name of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A Psalm.

Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness: for thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble: have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my Prayer.

My voyce shalt thou hear betimes, O Lord, early in the morning will I direct

my prayer unto thee, and will look up.

For thou art the God that hast no pleasure in wickedness, neither shall any evil dwell with thee.

Therefore, O Lord, rebuke me not in thine indignation, neither chasten me in thy displeasure.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak, O Lord heal me, for my bones are vexed.

Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul
O save me for thy mercies sake.

For in death no man remembreth thee,
and who will give thee thanks in the pit?

Wherefore away from mee all ye that work vanity, for the Lord hath heard the voyce of my complaint.

The Lord hath heard my petition, the Lord will receive my Prayer.

For why? my righteous God tryeth the very heart and reigns.

And my help cometh of God which preserveth them that are true of heart.

Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart, and I will speak of all thy marvellous works.

I will be glad and rejoice in thee, yea my ^{word}
Songs and praise will I make of thee, O thou ^{king}
most Highest!

For God is a righteous Judge, strong
and patient, and God is provoked every
day.

If a man will not turn he hath bent his
Bow, and will whet his Sword, and make
it ready.

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Most mighty and gracious God, which
hast brought me out of the nights
darkness, into the light of thy truth to see
the light of thy love, that I may rejoice
in the day of my visitation and salvation,
whereby the day spring from on high hath
visited me, and in the day of salvation thou
wilt succour me. This day make me hear
thy voyce, and not harden my heart through
unbelief or deceitfulness of sin but that by
faith I may enter into the promised rest:
give grace unto me O Lord, and to all
my people to walk warily, diligently, and
quietly in my vocation, to do such good
works wherewithal thou maist be well plea-
sed; and that walking in thy ways, I may
work out my salvation with fear and trem-
bling; and that all my meditations, thoughts,
words, and works may tend to the edifi-
cation of my Christian brethren, the dif-
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charge of my duty, the consolation of my conscience, and the glorifying of thy most holy Name, which art my God, my guide, my saviour and defender; to whom be all praise and glory, power, might, Dominion and Majesty, now and for ever. Amen.

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I Yield thee humble and hearty thanks, O heavenly Father, in thy Son Jesus Christ, for thy innumerable benefits poured upon my soul and body, and that thou hast kept me this night past from many evils, both spiritual and corporal, and of thy great mercy, dost offer and give unto me time and space to repent, and amend my life, so as I might live henceforth, not as I will, but as thou wilt: and as my body doth draw continually nearer and nearer to the end (the grave I mean) so my soul might approach unto his end, that is heaven, and not hell: for in one state we stand not still, but either we are nearer the happy state of life or else the unhappy condition of death eternal. Wherefore, O my dear Father. I beseech thee to be merciful unto me, and as of thy goodness thou givest me time to repent, so of the same thy

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thy goodness in Christ. I humbly beseech thee to give me thy gracious gift of true, holy, perfect, and perpetual repentance, that I may more and more lament my former sinful life, trusting unfeignedly in the rich mercies of thee my God, through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ, for the pardon of all my sins: And grant, O Lord, I beseech thee, that I may unfeignedly purpose, and effectually labour to amend my life this day, and so long as I have to live, to the praise of thy name, and the good example of others. And forasmuch as thou knowest my weakness, my ignorance, and great untowardness, to carry any cross or affliction, that thou wilt of thy merciful goodness, so temper and order all things towards me this day and ever, that I be never tempted or proved further than I shall be able to bear; but so to help me in the same, as may be most for thy glory, and my comfort. And although (O God) thy goodness, mercy, and truth to mankind in all thy works doth abundantly appear; yet herein chiefly thou declarest thy self to be most favourable, merciful, and gracious, that not suffering us to walk in darkness, ignorance and blindness, thou hast given us thy most holy and

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2. Morning Prayer.

I Yield thee humble and hearty thanks, O heavenly Father, in thy Son Jesus Christ, for thy innumerable benefits poured upon my soul and body, and that thou hast kept me this night past from many evils, both spiritual and corporal, and of thy great mercy, dost offer and give unto me time and space to repent, and amend my life, so as I might live henceforth, not as I will, but as thou wilt: and as my body doth draw continually nearer and nearer to the end (the grave I mean) so my soul might approach unto his end, that is heaven, and not hell: for in one state we stand not still, but either we are neare the happy state of life or else the unhappy condition of death eternal. Wherefore, O my dear Father. I beseech thee to be merciful unto me, and as of thy goodness thou givest me time to repent, so of the same thy

thy goodness in Christ. I humbly beseech thee to give me thy gracious gift of true, holy, perfect, and perpetual repentance, that I may more and more lament my former sinful life, trusting unfeignedly in the rich mercies of thee my God, through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ, for the pardon of all my sins: And grant, O Lord, I beseech thee, that I may unfeignedly purpose, and effectually labour to amend my life this day, and so long as I have to live, to the praise of thy name, and the good example of others. And forasmuch as thou knowest my weakness, my ignorance, and great untowardness, to carry any cross or affliction, that thou wilt of thy merciful goodness, so temper and order all things towards me this day and ever, that I be never tempted or proved further than I shall be able to bear; but so to help me in the same, as may be most for thy glory, and my comfort. And although (O God) thy goodness, mercy, and truth to mankind in all thy works doth abundantly appear; yet herein chiefly thou declarest thy self to be most favourable, merciful, and gracious, that not suffering us to walk in darkness, ignorance and blindness, thou hast given us thy most holy and

blessed word, to be a lanthorn to our feet
to lighten our steps in the path-way of e-
verlasting life, lest we should walk in the
shadow of death: In which thy most bless-
ed and sacred word, thou hast finally and
perfectly set forth unto mankind, so much
of thy Glorious Majesty as was expedient
for us to know, and not only that, but
hast herein also fully exprest thy most ho-
ly and blessed will, whatsoever is necessa-
ry for the salvation of mankind, to be
known, to bring him to life everlasting.
Give me grace, most merciful Father that
for so high a treasure left amongst us, I
may be thankful, reverently embrace, ac-
cept, and esteem of the same, as the most
precious jewel in earth, and be therein
confirmed most strongly, that all things
therein contained be most undoubtedly true,
not by any mortal man, but by the most
holy Spirit in man, penned and written
to the comfort and behoof of man: And
that I may most humbly, lowly, and with
most high reverence submit my self there-
unto, as becometh thy eternal Majesty,
and the word proceeding out of thy most
blessed mouth: that I may with reverence
and obedience, read, hear, and occupy my
self in the same, to the comfort of my soul,

and

and the increase of thy glory : Lighten my understanding (most dear Father) with thy most holy Spirit, that I may learn clearly to conceive and understand the things therein contained, which no mortal man can conceive save those that have learned of thee , and whom thou by thy holy spirit dost lighten and instruct. Guide me, dear Father with thy most holy Spirit, that having the true understanding of the mysteries therein contained, I may be fully established and confirmed in the true knowledge of thee my dear Father, and of thy beloved Son my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and in conscience thoroughly perfwaded, that I have my full perfect salvation and life everlasting in him, and through his attonement made by his death and passion. That I do not vainly abuse the knowledge of thy most sacred word to satisfie vain curiosity, or brag of knowledge, but only to the releiving of my hungry and wounded conscience, to the loosing of my fettered soul, and the appeasing of my sorrowful heart : that I may to the end of my life walk in sincerity before thee my heavenly Father, in the comforts of thy dear Son my Saviour, upholden still by the mercyful power of the Holy Ghost; to thine everlasting praise and glory for ever, Amen.

A Confession to God the Father.

O Lord my God, I confess unto thee, that my heart is unclean, that I am of polluted lips, wallowing in the dung, and stinking in the rottenness of mine own sin, so that I may justly tremble to appear before thy glorious presence, much more to present unto thee thy Pure praises out of my defiled mouth: but who except thou, O Lord, can make me clean? and what is Pure which thou hast not purged? Therefore O Father of life, O Lord of light, with all the forces of my soul, I do beseech thee to help me thy servant, whom of thy mercy thou hast created: cleanse my filthiness, lighten my darkness, inflame my coldness, quicken my dulness, awake my drowsiness, revive my deadness: repair the ruins of my soul, enlarge the frame of the understanding thereof, cleanse it from all earthly corruption, garnish it with thy heavenly graces, that it may be conveniently both fit and furnished to receive thee, that thou maist make thine entry, and possess that which is thine own, both by creation, and also by redemption: and that as thou art exalted above all creatures; so above all creatures

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tures, I may honour thee and praise thee, notwithstanding that affection wherewith my weakness is able, either to do or to desire, but with that perfection which with in duty I should, and wherewith thy Saints and Angels indeed do: for what worthy praise can I give unto thee, by whose goodness I was created, by whose mercy I was redeemed, by whose power I am preserved, and by whose grace I look to be glorified? when I was not, thou didst make me; when I was lost and forlorn, thou camest down, and tookest mortality upon thee to redeem me: these and many other benefits have I received, some in hand, and some in hope, although through my own sinful demeanour, I have almost both let go my hold, and lost my hope; therefore O Lord, I most humbly beseech thee save thy servant, save one of thy members, though poor and feeble, save I say, a part of thy self, be as great in pardoning those that are submitted unto thee, as in punishing those that are rebellious: pour upon my heart the sweet streames of thy mercies: conform my life, settle my faith, settle me in a right and upright course, and continue me in the same even unto the end: grant this, O Father, through thy dear Son Jesus Christ, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be.

all honour and glory, for ever and ever
Amen.

A devout Prayer to Jesus Christ.

O Most sweet Saviour, and merciful Re-deemer, Jesus Christ the Son of God, who although thou art high, yet art thou most humble: and as thou art omnipotent, so art thou most meek; and as thou art most mighty, so art thou most merciful: to thee O Christ the giver of all felicity, the Father of Heaven hath given all power both in Heaven and in Earth. Thou art the true Pastor of our souls, thou art our Messias, thou castest off none that sue unto thee; but as thou hast taken away the hand-writing that was against us, and hast fastned it to the Cross, so art thou ready to impart the merits of thy passion to all such as with true repentance of their sins, call upon thee faithfully: wherefore my sweet Saviour, I most faithfully and unfainedly acknowledge the benefits that thou hast bestowed upon me, and stedfastly believe that thou being an immaculate Lamb, in whose mouth was never found guile, didst suffer most cruel torments at the hands of sinners, for the love of us most wretched sinners: for the which cause I most heartily beseech

Ieech thee, and most humbly pray thee to accept me into the number of them whom thou wilt receive to mercy and favour ; and although I of my self be most unworthy hereof, yet thy merits can make me worthy, to them I fly, craving that I may be so armed and defended by them, that I may subdue the World, the Flesh, and the Devil, even as thou hast gloriously conquered Sin, Death, and Hell. Thou seest O my Saviour, how I am daily and hourly beset with these three enemies, and so hardly besieged of them, that without thy help, I can by no means escape, but that I must needs be a prey unto one of them : strengthen me therefore, O Lord , that neither the one with carnal Lust, neither the other with delectable pleasures, nor Satan with all his craft and subtil devices, get the dominion over me : thou hast bought me , thou hast paid for me : save, keep and defend me, be always ready at the voice of my crying ; pour into me thy grace patiently to abide thy divine pleasure in all things : make me both at this present, and all the dayes of my life to have in my mind, and profoundly to root in my heart, the mysteries of thy painful passion, and so to be filled with the remembrance thereof, that sin may no more prevail with me, and that

Satan.

Satan mine old enemy may well perceive that thou
he hath neither part nor fellowship in me, ples
but that I am both body and soul altogether O de
shine : to whom, O my sweet Saviour, with me,
the Father and the holy Ghost be ascribed all more
power, glory, and honour for ever and e-
ver. Amen.

A Prayer to the Holy Ghost.

O Holy Spirit, worthy of all honour ;
which makest up the Almighty Trinity,
which proceedest from the Father and the
Son, and art equal to either of them in glory,
but differing from them but only in property
of person, which of thy goodness, forgivest
the sins of them that amend, which with thy
holy breath cleansest mens minds, comfort-
ing them when they be in sorrow, cheering
them up with pure gladness, when they be
in heaviness, leading them into all truth
when they be out of the way, kindling in
them the fire of charity when they be a cold,
kutting them together with the glew of peace
when they are at variance, and garnish them
with sundry gifts which profess the Name of
thy Son Jesus Christ, by whose working all
things live which live indeed, whose delight
is to dwell in the hearts of the simple, which
thou

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at thou hast vouchsafed to consecrate for Temples to thy self, wherefore I do beseech thee, O dear Father, to maintain those thy gifts in me, and to increase them daily more and all more, that by thy governance the lusts of the flesh may dye in me, and the desire of the heavenly life may quicken and increase. Let me so pass, I beseech thee, O my God, through the misty desart of this world (thy light going before me) as I may never be defiled with Satans vices, nor be intangled with any errors disagreeing from thy truth, which the true Catholick Church hath delivered unto us by the instinct of thee, which livest and reignest with the Father and the Son everlastingly, to whom be all honour and glory for ever. Amen..

A fruitfull Prayer to God.

My dear Lord and God, what is this world? it is evil, it is a palace of vain pleasure, a cage of iniquity, or rather lump of misery; and what am I Lord, what am I but a friend of this present evil world, and an enemy to thee? what am I but a child of wrath, and son of darkness, so glued to sin, and lymed with iniquity, that my body is a body of sin? what then, O Lord, shall I do? shall

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Shall the mountain of sin oppress me, or the trou-
world with the baits of vanity so choak me, be it
that I shall never like an Eagle fly to the car-
kass, nor be able to cry for help to thee the my
only Morning-Star, which art wont to spread me,
forth the beams of comfort unto the needy and me
in time of extremity? O Lord my God, be it
give me the wings of faith to fly unto thee, spag
and pour upon me the dew of thy blessing, indu
that I may bud and bear the fruit of holiness, very
through the operation of thy gracious
beams: Give me thy grace, that I fail not in
my vocation, that I may do good, and es-
chew evil, and so make good that vow which
I made unto thee in my Baptism: Save me
from falling, and stay my feet from slipping, on
by thy holy word, which is the glass of thy of
will, that being guided over this mysty de-
sart, I may arrive at the land of Promise, and throu
palace of rest in a lively faith, through thy dwel
dear Son Jesus Christ, to whom be all ho- yet
nour and glory for ever. Amen.

*A Prayer for the Church, and true
worship of God.*

O Most gracious God and loving Fa- Part
ther, look in favour, I do beseech thee, are
upon the Church generally dispersed nish
throughout

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ne throughout the whole world, and whom by
e, be malice of Satan, and tyranny of Anti-
r-hrist, thou seest continually assailed with
the many and great dangers. Be thou there-
adore, O Lord, a castle of defence, a buckler
ly and rock strong and forcible, to withstand
d, be force and fury of all adversaries that rise
e, in against it. And for the better comfort,
g, endue it with faith unfeigned, wherein it and
s, every member thereof, may safely run and
us repair under the shadow of thy sacred wings,
in whosoever peri's approach. Graciously
f-guide and govern it, by taking the defence
ch: thereof into thine own hands to whom it spe-
nentially and alone belongeth; and let it hold
g, on the true course of profesiing and practising
y of thy true Religion, that the adversaries
e-thereof may have no cause to condemn it
nd through sin, which howsoever it may seem to
y dwell in the most godly while we live here;
o-yet let us alwayes have an eye and diligent
watch over all our thoughts, words, and
works, that our light may shine to thy glo-
ry, our good, and example of others, in
peace and warr, in comfort and calamity,
and not to be dismayed at any noise and re-
a-port of the greatest danger whatsoever. Thou
ee, art, O Lord my God, my only comfort and
ed riches, what am I, that I dare speak unto
ut thee?

thee? I am thy poor servant, yea, and much more poor and vile, than I either know, or dare shew forth: and yet Lord I remember this one thing, that I am nothing, that I have nothing, and that I am nothing worth: Thou alone art good, thou alone art righteous thou alone art holy: thou knowest all, thou dost all, thou fillest all: only the wicked thou sendest empty away: remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies, and fill me with thy favour: thou wilt that none of thy works should serve in vain: for how can I stand up right in this wretched world, unless thy mercy and favour hold me up? turn not therefore thy cheerful countenance from thy servant, defer not to help me from day to day, withdraw not thy comfort, that my soul be not as the thirsty Land, but teach me to do thy will, for that thou O my God, art my wisdom, and knowest what is meet and convenient for me, to whom with the Son and the Holy Ghost, be all glory for ever. Amen.

Prayers for Sunday Night.

O Lord my God and Father, blessed be thy name for ever: dispose my hearts, and open my lips, &c &c.

A Psalm.

Ow long wilt thou forget me? O Lord, for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me? How long shall I seek counsel in my soul, and be so vexed in my heart? how long shall mine enemies triumph over me? Consider and hear me, O Lord my God; enlighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in death. For why, my trust is in thy mercy, and my heart is joyful in thy salvation. I herefore will I sing of the Lord, because he hath dealt so lovingly with me; yea, I will praise the Name of the Lord most Highest.

I will thank the Lord for giving me warning, my reins also chasten me in the night season.

I have set God always before me, for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

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Wherefore my heart was glad, and my glory rejoiced, my flesh also shall rest in hope.

For why, thou shalt not leave my soul in Hell, neither shalt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.

Thou shalt shew me the paths of life, in thy presence is the fulness of joy, and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

O hold thou up my goings in thy paths, that my foot-steps slip not.

So shall he hear me out of his holy temple, and my complaint shall come before him, it shall enter even into his ears.

He shall send down from the height to fetch me, and shall take me out of many waters.

Thou shalt also light my candle, the Lord my God shall make my darkness to be light.

The Lord liveth, and blessed be my strong helper, and praised be the God of my salvation.

Glory be to the Father, &c.

A Confession to God.

O Lord my God, and everlasting Father, I do acknowledge and confess before thy high and glorious Majesty, that I was created and born in sin and corruption: and that since my birth I have not ceased, nor do I cease, daily to transgress thy holy commandments, in respect whereof I cannot escape shame and destruction, according to thy righteous justice: yet notwithstanding, forasmuch as I am sorry, that I have offended thee my Lord and God, and do condemn both my self and my sin, receive me to mercy and as it hath pleased thee to love us, even when we were thine enemies, and for assurance thereof, to give unto us thine only and welbeloved Son, to be a Mediator and Advocate between thee and us, promising us to obtain whatsoever we shall ask of thee in his name: vouchsafe, O most loving God, and dear Father, to pardon and forgive me in his Name, and for his sake: and not only to cleanse my heart from all vanity and uncleanliness, but also to govern and guide me by thy holy Spirit, in all my ways, that I may live according to thy holy and heavenly will, all the days of my life, to the glory

ry of thy Name, through the same thy wellbeloved Son Jesus Christ, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be praise and glory for ever, Amen.

A prayer against the temptations and malice of Satan.

O Heavenly Father, and eternal God, unto thee do we cry : protect and strengthen us, O Lord, against the temptations of Satan, which is the sworn and extrem enemy to our salvation, a slandering and our accuser, who rageth and rangeth in a deadly hatred against thy flock, and by all means seeketh the destruction of all mankind, divers and sundry ways laying snares to intrap us and our souls, prying for any occasion whereby he may allure us unto shameful offending : for as many corporal affections as be in man, so many occasions doth he take to tempt us, and thereby to wound us : He layeth snares to take us in wealth, in poverty, in pleasure, and in the inticements of the flesh, in anguish of mind, in ambition and desire of glory, in the weariness of our calling and inferiour condition, in cares both for the back and the belly.

we belly, and in lust of revenge, night and day :
whether we sleep or wake, he is always a-
lmost to devour us, that our senses may be
corrupted from the simplicity that we owe
to Christ, even as the Serpent deceived
me by his subtlety ; Therefore, O thou
Son of God, which art the blessed seed, brui-
sing the head of the serpent, bring and
bruise this mine enemy (Satan) under thy
feet : Thou my chief Champion, which of
mine own accord, enteredist into tempta-
tion, that so thou mightest, as it were, hand
to hand wrestle with this mine enemy, and
purchase a triumph for me by thy victo-
ry : hold him fast bound that he exercise not
his cruelty upon me as he desireth, but
make me partaker of thy victory : that even
as thou hast in thy body overcome Satan, so
utterly suppress him in me thy unworthy
servant : And I beseech thee, O Lord, to
give unto me thy whole armour, that I
may, like a right good fouldier, resist in
the evil day, and vanquish this my strong
enemy : gird me with the truth ; put upon
me the brest-plate of righteousness, and let
me be shod and prepared for the Gospel of
peace ; and above all things give me the
shield of faith, which can extinguish all the
fiery darts of wicked spirits ; beslow upon
me

me the helmet of salvation, and the sword
of the spirit, which the word of God, th
through thee I may encounter valiantly
and gloriously attain the victory : And ho
ly Spirit. Almighty God, comfort tho
and strengthen my mind against so divers
conflicts of Satan, which beset me by ma
ny snares, and especially then most of al
when I seek deliverance by other means tha
by thy word revealed : and grant, that leav
ing thy word delivered unto me, I look ne
after new revelations, or violent ravishing
but may resist the Devil by thy word an
power during my whole life. O dear Fa
ther, to whom it is more easie to do all thing
then for me to think any good thing : Da
thou but speak a word, and thy deadly sic
servant (my soul) shall be made whole : He
O Lord, for thy great mercies sake, for th
truth sake, and for thy dear Son Jesus Christ
sake, and let thy strength suffice against my
weakness, and thy holy Spirit against my
sinful flesh an old man : Thou art faithful
O Father, who hast promised that I shall not
be tempted further then thou wilt make me
able to bear : Give now therefore thy grace
and strength unto thy servant, that I may
with a strong faith in thine infallible truth
and promised mercy, vanquish and subdue
what

thatsoever rebelleth against thy most blessed
thy : preserve and keep holy my soul and
body, and let them not be defiled, and made
to be in the dungeon of wicked spirits, through delecta-
tion in sin. Shall now alas, the Devil, the
world, or the Flesh, pluck from thee, that
mating that presently crieth to thee with assu-
age trust in thy promised help? Nay Father,
grant that I may by thy mighty power
over all their crafts, deceits, and raging as-
aults unto the increase of my faith, and that
experience of thy fatherly assistance, in
my present temptation, I may with assu-
age hope and trust in thy ready help and
comfort, overcome my sad enemies hereafter
Dishonourable assaults, and praise thy holy Name for
thy victory, through Jesus Christ my Lord
Saviour, to whom be all power, praise,
glory for ever, world without end.
risen.

*A Prayer for grace to do the will of
God.*

Most bountiful Father, extend thy fa-
vour towards me, and let it be with me,
labour with me, unto the end; and
give me thy grace to wish and to covet those
things as may be grateful to thee, and ac-
ceptable

ceptable in thy sight, let thy will be mi
and let me always follow thine, and agr
therewith: Grant that I may like and mi
like that which thou dost, and never li
or mislike any thing but that which th
dost like or mislike. Assist me, O Lord,
crusifie my self to all worldly things:
me free from wicked affections of the min
and heal my soul of all unbridled desi
and sins; that being inwardly healed, a
purged throughly, I may be made fit
love, strong to suffer, and constantly to co
tinue: And above all things, grant that
may rest and have peace in thee, for th
art the true peace, thou art alone the qui
ness of mind, and without thee all thin
are hard and troublesome; In this pea
that is in thee alone which art the chief
and everlasting felicity, I will repose
self both now and for ever, and constan
persevere and continue in the same throu
Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour. Amen

A Prayer not to distrust the mercies of God.

Hy mercy, O Lord my God, endureth for ever, and thy loving kindness towards thy Child: eis not able to be uttered; the truth of thy promise never faileth mine Elect: Thou hast made calm the troubled waves of wavering thoughts which overwhelm my soul, and brought me to the quiet Haven of thy merciful protection and defence, and hast delivered mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling, and my heart from distrust: O Lord my God and loving Father, let this thy great mercy and loving kindness shewed upon me, never depart out of my mind and heart, but that I may be hereof continually mindful all the dayes of my life: And for these thy unseparable mercies towards me, grant good Lord, that I may have a thankful heart to render due honour, praise, and thanksgiving unto thy Majesty: acknowledging from the bottom of my heart, thy wonderful works in me: And that I may hereof be more assured, I beseech the good Lord, that as thou hast begun to deliver me, so I may feel more and more daily thy good will and mercy towards me,

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increase in me true understanding of thy heavenly will, and thy blessed Word : strengthen then my faith in thy loving promises that I may be assured of thy protection, and mine election and salvation : Make me daily more and more to love thee, my dear Father and God, unfainedly, for all thy goodness shewed unto me, to have my full delight and joy in thee, & walk before thee in sincerity of heart and godly conversation : that I may here on earth glorify thy Name ; and after this life with all thy faithful flock, possess that everlasting inheritance, which thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord hath purchased ; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory for ever. Amen.

*A Prayer to be alwayes bent to
heavenly things.*

O I would to God, that that day might once shine, in the which I might see my Redeemer, and all these temporal daies would end ! for the dayes of this world are few, short, full of evil and sorrow, where man defiled with many sins, oppress'd with grief and cares, disturbed with thoughts, wrapped in vanities, compassed with errors, molested with temptation, drowned in sensuality, and crucified

ea crucified with Poverty : O when shall there
ng be an end of these manifold and miserable la-
at hours ? when shall I be delivered from the
miserable bondage of wickednes? when shall I
only remember thee, O Lord ? when shall I
and fully & perfectly rejoice in thee ? when shall
we be out of all danger, and delivered from all
insef of body and soul, and come to true li-
erty ? when shall I rest in that quiet, secure,
and undisturbed Peace, where peace is both
within and without in all things ? O Lord Je-
sus, when shall I see thee, and behold the
glory of thy Kingdome, which thou hast
prepared for thine Elect from the beginning ?
I do wish to be joined to heavenly things, but
temporal Pleasure , and mortal Passions,
keepeth me back from them ; In mind I
would fain vanquish all wickedness and vice,
but yet I am constrained to be subject to the
froward flesh , and I unhappy wretch am at
controversie with my self : for whilst my soul
asireth upward , my flesh draweth down-
ward : O what passions do I inwardly suffer?
fewer when my soul beginneth to contemplate
in heavenly things , then presently heaps of
grieffull thoughts withdraw me from Prayer.
my God do not linger from me ! depart
not in anger from thy servant : Thunder
forth thy lightning-bolts, and disperse my
worldly

worldly thoughts abroad, and drive away
all the temptations of mine enemy : Turn
my senses unto thee, O my dear Father,
and make me to forget all earthly things.
Grant that I may cast off all sinful thoughts
and fantaies : O eternal verity succour me
to the end, that no vanity do tempt or re-
move me from thee : O heavenly Father
help me ! for all vanity and impureness
melteth before thy face, which livest and
raignest ever one God, in power and glory
world without end. Amen.

An Evening Prayer.

O Eternal God, and merciful Father
bear my voyce, and listen to my pray-
ers, and forgive all my sins which this day
I have done in the sight of thee, and be not
angry with thy servant for ever, but liste-
unto thine only begotten Son, which mak-
eth intercession to thee for me, for his sake
hear me, and have mercy upon me : de-
fend me this night (of thy merciful good-
ness) from unclean and troublesome spirits
and from the snares and illusions of the
Devil : preserve me from all dangers, and
save my body and soul from destruction,
and grant that this night, I may sleep qui-
etly

etly without grief or trouble, that in darkness I may behold with the eyes of my heart the light of thy countenance shining upon me; for in thee alone do I trust; thou art my Lord and God into thy hands commend my soul and body now and ever: Therefore O Lord, let thy unspeakable mercy preserve me, thy endless sweetness rejoice me, thy heavenly truth strengthen me, thy knowledge embrace me, and thy goodness keep me, now and evermore. Amen.

Prayers for Munday morning.

O Lord my God and Heavenly Father
blessed be thy Name for ever : d
spouse my heart, open my lips, and give me th
holy Spirit, &c.

A Psalm.

Help me, O God of my salvation
for the glory of thy name, O
deliver me, and be merciful unto
my sin, for thy Names sake.

O remember not mine old sins, but have mer-
cy upon me, and that soon : for I am come to
great misery.

My soul hath a desire and longing to enter
into the courts of the Lord, my heart and
my flesh rejoyceth in the living God.

Blessed are they that dwell in thy house
they will be alwayes praising thee.

Preserve thou my soul therefore O my child
God, and save thy servant that puts his
trust in thee.

O comfort the soul of thy servant, for
unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

For thou Lord art good and gracious, and

of great mercy unto all them that call upon thee.

And blessed is the man whose strength
is in thee, and in whose heart are thy
ways.

O Lord, I have cried day and night
before thee, O let my prayer enter into
thy Presence: incline thine ear to my calling.

And be merciful unto me, O Lord, for
I will call daily upon thee, for thou doest
wondrous things, thou art God alone.

O turn thee unto me, and have mercy
upon me, give thy strength unto thy ser-
vant, and help the Son of thine handmaid.

Shew some good token upon me for good
that they which hate me may see it, and
be ashamed, because thou Lord hast hol-
pened me and comforted me,

O Satisfie me with thy mercy, and that,
soon, so shall I rejoice and be glad all the
days of my life.

Shew thy servants thy work, and thy
children thy glory.

And the glorious Majesty of the Lord
my God be upon me: prosper thou the
work of my hands upon me, O Prosper
thou my handy work.

A Morning Prayer.

O Almighty God, and merciful Father from which gavest the children of Israel in charge, to offer a daily Morning and Evening sacrifice unto thee, that thereby they might glorifie and thank thee for the benefit of their protection both night and day: reme ceive of me, O Lord, the calves of my lips which I lay upon thine Altar, being my morning sacrifice of thanksgiving unto thee would I glorifie thee O eternal God, for thou hast broken the bands wherewith I was tyed this night, by reason of the mist of darkness which had deli vered me from the shadow of death, by bringing me safe and sound to the beginning of this day: wherefore I will praise thy Name, and magnifie thee for ever. Only Lord continue thy goodness towards me this day, and grant that all my prayers and works may both begin and end in thee: vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep me this day without sin, and fill me in this present how with thy favour and grace, that all this day and ever I may rejoice and delight in thy praises: Grant merciful God, that descending into my soul, I may reprehend and condemn mine own spots and vices within me:

deliver

Deliver me, O Lord, from lying lips; and
Give me from a deceitful tongue: keep me,
O Lord from the edge of the sword, from
Sudden death, from the infectious pestilence,
From mortal sickness, and deadly vexation.
O Almighty sanctifier, both within and without,
keep me this day from danger of blood-
thirsty men whose feet are swift to shed blood.
Put into thy hands this day and ever I com-
mend my spirit; and that I may watch upon
thee my Maker both night and day, beseech-
ing thee to protect me in the day of my
trouble, that the enemy have no advantage
of me: and grant, O Lord that if in thy justice
I be from punishment of my sin, or of thy gra-
cious favour for tryal of my faith, and ex-
ercise of my patience, thou suffer me to fall
into any distress or danger: to give me I
beseech thee a contented mind, to yield to
thy good pleasure, and assured hope and be-
lief, as all things are wrought to thy glory
and so they may work for the best unto me as
one that loveth thee: Grant this, O most
merciful Father; To whom with thy Son,
and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glo-
ry, for ever and ever. Amen.

A prayer for the forgiveness of sins.

O God, the God of my salvation, I do here acknowledge my sins unto thee, and mine iniquities I have not hid: Wherefore, O my God, turn thy face towards me and let thy loving mercy ever more and more extend unto me; for I am miserable, sinful, and poor, and I come unto thee the fountain of all help. Forgive my sins, wash me and I shall be whiter than Snow: let me taste of thy old loving kindnesses that have been ever of old, ready to forgive, and to embrace them that turn from their evil ways, as appeareth by *David*, *Peter*, and many others, who repenting of their sins, found favour: Wherefore have mercy upon me O God, have mercy upon me: and according to the multitude of thy compassions, do away mine iniquities: O cleanse me from my secret sins, and cover my known sins with the righteousness of thy Son Jesus Christ: remove mine iniquities far away from thee, and be not angry with thy servant for ever: O enter not into judgement with thy servant; for if no flesh before thee be justified, what shall become

come of me who have so highly offended ;
Lord my God, full of mercy and pitty, I
appeal unto thee, I flee unto thee, I rest upon
thee : leave thy displeasure against me ;
and how weak soever and unable I am to stand
in thy presence ; yet let thy spirit of strength
hold me up, and say unto me, fear not, for
my grace is sufficient for thee. I take upon
thy love, I rest upon thy favour in Christ,
reject me not though there be no good in me :
Pour down that absolute good thing, even
thy Grace, and let it direct to amendment of
life. thou hast said, that thou art well pleased
in Christ thy Son, in him be thou also
pleased with me, and receive me again into
thy love, through his merits, by whom eve-
ry sinner receiveth free access unto thee : and
although I for my part, most loving Lord,
am a vessel full of many faults and enormites ;
yet dear Father have mercy upon me, and
cast me not from thy presence, but rather
endue me again with a new spirit, and a live-
ly feeling of thy will, and ablenes to do
hereafter, that I may fill up the residue of
my days in sincerity, holines, and righteous-
nes, and in the due service of thee ; that
from henceforth, in stead of straying from
thee, I may dwell and be shrowded under the
shadow of thy wings : and that instead of sin
which

which hath miscarried me, I may embrac[r] Piety, Godlynes[s], and true Zeal: and instead [of] ignorance, whereby I have so long gone astray, I may take hold of thy saving truth: that it may be a lanthorn unto my feer, and a light unto my paths, that I may rest safe in thee through a lively faith that never decayeth: and here I wait for thy loving kindnes[s] and mercy, O Lord, promised in Christ, in whom I am bold with deep sighs of heart, to the cry, and say, Lord forgive mine offences, co-tru[er] my sins, and lay not my former evils to my charge: And for the better performance of this my duty unto thee, from henceforthday (good Lord) quench all the corrupt motions of my mind, striving with thy divine pleasure; that being thus inwardly renewed in my mind, and reformed in my conversation, be I may serve thee with gladness, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour, to whom be all glory and honour for ever and e[ver]. Amen.

A Frayer for knowledg[e] to do the will of God.

O Lord God and heavenly Father, the God of all wisdom, and understanding, I acknowledge, that by thy just sentence in the general corruption, which I have drawn

drawn from Adams loyals, I am deprived of
instead spiritual wisdom, and knowledge of thee,
go and thy will, and that there is nothing in
truth man, but blockish and beastly ignorance, such
and as springeth from infidelity and is most con-
trary to thy will : There is none that under-
decay standeth, there is none that seeketh God : O
dine Lord, have mercy upon me, most miserable and
t, ivile wretch, and open mine eyes that I may see
, to the mysteries of thy profound and excellent
. co-truth ; increase, O Lord, all holy desires in
s to me, to attain the knowledge of thy will ; let
uncemy whole delight be in it to meditate therein
orthday and night, that it may be more precious
ons unto me than Gold and Silver, many times fin-
lea-ed. Further, howsoever thy graces and gifts, O
in Lord, are to be acknowledged in men ; yet
on, because thy good pleasure is so, that all men
sus should carry the scars of ignorance and in-
all firmity : draw in my whole delight, I be-
seech thee, and kindle all my affections, to
the love of thy Law and Testimonies, and to
those Scriptures that were written and indited
by thine own self, and thy spirit ; for those,
good Lord contain thy whole will in that
the everlasting Covenant that thou hast stricken
d- with thy Saints : This O Lord, is that wel-
ce spring of wisdom and grace that shall make
we us wise before thee, howsoever the world
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Condemn it of madness and folly : Teach tho me, O Lord, and I shall be taught : open thou mine eyes that I may see the excellent things of thy Law : reform my heart, that self love and vain glory may be quite vanquished and slain in me, that I may only before thine eyes thy glory : O gracious God, spoil this power of Satan in me, that by these means thy good gifts of knowledge and wisdom be not abused against thee, thy Glory and Glory : that I be not carried throughout emulation, spite, or envy of any mans creature or gifts, to set my self against thy truth ; but give me true humility, that, above all thing, I may rejoice in the advancement and praise of thy Name, whether it be with my honour or shame, with my peace or trouble, with good report, or evil report : I know, O Lord, that true wisdom is from thee alone, and that thou hast so ordained thy servants in so gracious a dispensation of thy gifts, that they who have the greatest need of theirs that are the least ; the greatest Master-builders, of them that are but labourers, and basket-bearers in thy Church : The unity of the Spirit, and the bond of peace, knit us fast together, and hold us in, to reverence each other, and to be at one in thy work : O knead our hearts together, that we may all seek thy

to thy eternal praise; to whom only be-
longeth Renown, Glory and Honour, for
ever, &c.

A fruitful Prayer to God.

A Lmighty and eternal God, my Creator
and lover, I praise, adore and bles-
s thee: for that in my offences and ungrateful-
ness, thou hast so mercifully and leisurably
forborn and suffered me to live even to this
hour, whereunto thou by thy benefits hast
brought me, giving unto me thy wretched
servant, life and necessaries thereunto belong-
ing, appointing Angels to be my keepers:
O my good God, who knowest whether till
evening my life shall be prolonged, or what
wileath is appointed for me: O merciful God
and heavenly Father, grant that I may with
hearty repentance truly repent my sins, and
grievously bewail, that ever I offended thy
wholly Majesty: suffer not my soul to depart
this body, before it be (through thy mercy)
perfectly reconciled unto thee by grace, and
deckt with thy merits and vertues: O iner-
thful Saviour, if these things I desire, stand
with thy pleasure and will, grant them I be-
ezech thee, although I be not worthy to be
knit: And in thy mercy, grant, that by
thy merits, of thy posession, I may be purged
from

from all my sins ; and that at the hour of death, I may be stricken with true and vehement contrition, and being knit with thee by perfect charity, I may immediately flee unto thee my sweet Redeemer, safely from the damnation, desiring this one thing at thy hands, that thou wilt remember my fragilitie, unworthiness, unstableness, and misericord together with thine own goodness and charitable mercy, praying thee never to forsake me, or leave me, but that thou wilt always possess and govern me, according to thy will, to whom be all glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer to be restored to Gods favour.

O Almighty and everlasting God, all in
Father, which hast made Heaven and
Earth, and all things therein contained ! holy
incomprehensible unity ! O always to be ad
worshipped most blessed Trinity ! I humbly
beseech thee, and pray thee, by the assump
tion and crucified humanity of our Lord Je
sus Christ, that thou wouldest drive from me
all kind of wickedness and sin, creating in
me a clean heart, and a right spirit : O Lord
Jesus, I beseech thy goodness, for the en
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vebering great love which drew thee out of
my fathers bosom, in thy womb of thy holy
unrgin, and for the assumption of mans na-
ture, wherein it pleased thee to save me, and
to deliver me from eternal death; That thou
wouldest draw me out of my self into thee my
ericord God: And grant that this my love may
me cover again to me, thy grace to increase and
make perfect in me that which is wanting, to
it arise up in me that is fallen, to restore to me
that which I have lost, and to quicken in me
that which is dead and should live: That so I
may become conformable unto thee in all my
life and conversation, thou dwelling in me,
and I in thee, my heart being supplied with thy
grace, and settled in thy faith for ever: O my
God, loose and set at liberty my Spirit from
all inferiour things: govern my soul, and so
at work, that both in soul and body, I may be
holy, and live to thy glory, world without
end. Amen.

*A Prayer to Christ to rest in his
love.*

O My most loving Saviour, I have chosen
thee, I wish and look for thee; I run to
meet thee, and I do renounce all things that
dare not of thee: whatsoever thou wilt I will,
and

and whatsoever thou wilt not, I forsake azech
utterly detest in my heart : and whatsoe^w thou
shall hereafter happen unto me contrary which
this present choice of my mind, not to impo^w sh
the same unto me, but according to this choicerace
of my soul judge me : For all things whiche^y, w
I ought not to do, I utterly forsake themay
and if at any time hereafter I shall chance by, w
any sinister occasion to agree to any thin^{holy}
that may be cause to withdraw thy merand g
from me, I do now at this present hour u
terly detest them : And here, O my swe^r
Saviour and Redeemer, if it please thee , o
stand with thy glory, grant I beseech thee i
this my present life, that I may be delivered
and preserved from all offences wherein m
have offended, and from all the pains where
unto deservedly I ought to come after m
death ; and that thou wilt with the hands o
thy mercy immediately after this lite , re
ceive my soul into everlasting joy and felici
ty, there to raign with thee for ever, *Amen.* O
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A Prayer to God to grant our Petitions.

O Christ, which art the strength of th^e I w
weak, and the salvation of all believers he si
and an aider of the oppressed : yea, our litleav
and safeguard in the peril of death , I be He
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al eech thee, that pittyng mine Afflictions,
Dev thou wilt vouchsafe to grant me my petition's
y which at this time I have asked at thy hands;
spuo shall I serve thee here in the Kingdom of
noi grace, and hereafter in thy Kingdom of glo-
hicy, where I beseech thee: O Lord, that I
em may have a place to dwell with thee eternal-
e by, which livest with God the Father, and the
h Holy Ghost everlastingly, to whom be praise
erond glory for ever and ever, Amen.

Prayers for Munday night.

O Lord my God and Father, blessed be thy
name for ever: dispose my heart, and e-
n my lips, &c.

A Psalm.

M Y Song shall be of mercy and Judge-
ment: Unto thee O Lord, will I sing.
O let me have understanding in the way of
godliness.

When wilt thou come unto me? I will
walk in my house with a perfect heart.

I will take no wicked thing in hand; I hate
the sins of unfaithfulness; there shall no such
leave unto me.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and let my cry-
ing come unto thee. Hide

Hide not thy face from me in the time
my trouble, incline thine ears unto me
when I call, O hear me and that right soon.

My dayes are gone like a shadow, and
am withered like grass.

But thou, O Lord, endurest for ever, ~~and leave~~
thy remembrance throughout all generations ~~which~~.

And I said, O my God, take me not away
in the midst of mine age: As for thy years ~~they~~,
they endure throughout all generations. ~~us~~

Praise the Lord O my Soul, and all that ~~is~~
within me praise his holy Name. ~~you can~~

Praise the Lord, O my Soul, and for ~~was~~
not all his benefits. ~~ful~~

Which forgiveth all thy sin, and healeth ~~are~~
thine infirmity. ~~high~~

Which saveth thy life from destruction ~~of~~
and crowneth thee with mercy and loving ~~re~~
kindness. ~~al~~

He will not alwayes be chiding, neither ~~ast~~
keepeth he his anger for ever. ~~they~~

For look how high the Heaven is in com- ~~on~~
parison of the earth, so great is his mercy ~~app~~
so towards them that fear him. *Glory be to*
the Father, &c. ~~the~~

Confession to God the Father.

D^{omi}n^o n^{ost}re^r L^{ord} Almigh^y, the God of our Father,
and Lord of mercy, which hast made
heaven and Earth, with all their Ornaments,
which hast bound the Sea by the Word of
thy Commandment, which hast shut up the
yeare^s, and sealed it by thy terrible and glori-
ous Name, who all do fear and tremble
before thy power, for the Majesty of thy glo-
ry cannot be born, and thy angry threatenings
forwards sinners is importable; but thy mer-
itful promises are unmeasureable, and un-
archable, for thou art the Lord God most
high above all the earth, long suffering and
most merciful, and sorry for the malice of
men; and thou, O Lord, according to thy
great goodness, and of thine infinite mercies,
hast appointed repentance unto sinners, that
they might be saved. Therefore thou, O
Lord, that art the God of the just, hast not
appointed Repentance to those which stand
to justifie themselves in thy sight; but thou
hast appointed repentance unto me that am a
sinner; for I have sinned, O Lord, I have sin-
ned above the number of the sands of the
sea: my transgressions, O Lord, my trans-
gressions are multiplyed, and are exceeding
many

many, so as I am not worthy to behold, but
lift up mine eyes unto the Heavens, for the
multitude of my unrighteousness. I have
provoked thine anger, O Lord, and do shew
evil before thee, in committing abominations,
and multiplying of offences: now therefore I bow the knees of my heart, beseeching
thee for grace: I have sinned, O Lord, I have
sinned, and I acknowledge my wickednesse,
desiring thee by prayer to forgive me:
Lord forgive me, and destroy me not with
mine iniquities, neither do thou always
member mine evils to punish them, but shew
me that am unworthy, according to thy gracie
mercies: And I most humbly beseech thee
O Lord, not to suffer my soul to perish
which thou hast bought so dearly with the
most precious blood, and make me poor
spirit and low of heart, submitting me whole
ly into thy hands; so as my desire and
delight may be alwayes to thy will and pleasure,
which is alwayes good and godly: also
grant my poor soul rest in thee, for thou hast
said, They shall never be confounded that
put their trust in thee: which trust, good Lord
grant me never to forsake for any vain
temptation or tribulation, that may happen
to vex my soul; but grant me thy holy
spirit to comfort and defend me from all things
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old, at should procure thy displeasure : thou
for art in Trinity one God and Lord over all,
I have ear to my Prayer, and pardon all my sins;
and do shall I praise thee for ever and ever all the
mimys of my life, through Jesus Christ my
theord and Saviour, to whom be glory for
rechier. Amen.

A Prayer to Jesus Christ.

O Jesus, thou Son of God, have mercy
upon me, and forgive the great offences
ut which I have done in the sight of thee this
y gray : and give me grace, O Lord, for the
n thwe of thee, to despise sin and worldly vani-
periss. O Jesus help me to overcome the temp-
tations of sin, and the malice of my spiritual
oor enemy, and strengthen my soul and body to
wh exercise the works of virtue, whereby I may
nd come to thy everlasting joy and felici-
l pl.

Grant me a fast purpose, O merciful Jesus,
u b amend my life, and to remove the sins of
at my youth far from me; Jesus lighten me
L with Ghostly Wisdom for to know thy good-
tr es, and those things which are most accepta-
uapp le unto thee; and give me grace to give
y S good and profitable example, that none may
think me hurt by me; make me to proceed from
th virtue

virtue to virtue, until I be grown a perfect man in thee. Let me not return to my sins which by my confession have accuse me, and with sorrow have oppressed me. The horrible sentence of endless death, the terrible judgment of damnation; thy wrath, ire, and indignation, merciful Lord, let never fall upon me: Jesus give me grace to flee evil company; and when I come among them, I beseech thee to preserve me, that the occasion of sin overcome me: keep my mouth O Lord, from slanderous speaking, lying, false witness bearing, cursing, swearing, charitable chiding, dissolute laughing, words of vanity. O sweet Jesus make me perseverant in the blessed service of thee, holy exercises, and virtuous meditation. Lord keep my soul and body, and make me to shun all sinful delectation, and patient to suffer injuries and rebukes, in following thine own most holy and blessed example. Provide, good Lord, that life for me where thou knowest most for thine honour, and comfortable stay in thee; Jesus grant specially in the time of Prayer, to fix my mind on thee, and thou to remember my wretchedness. The blood that ran from the blessed heart, wash my soul from all sin and iniquity, and purchase to me thy grace, faith,

faithfully to serve thee, O my Lord God,
my might, my life, my light, lead me and
acqured me in this mortality, and at the hour
of death, when I shall be accused before
thee, have mercy upon me, break my frow-
nd heart, and make it obedient unto thee.
let From sudden and unprovided death, good
grac Lord deliver me, by the virtue of thy most
excellent and glorious Divinity; by the vir-
thue of thine incarnation, and by the merits
of thy passion and resurrection: grant me
ly these supplications which I have made to
thee, and by thy own and only mediation,
purchase for me a gracious life, and a bless-
ed ending; and after my bodily death, give
me everlasting life with endless bliss, that I
may reign with thee for ever and ever.
n the world to come *Amen.*

*A Prayer for the attaining of a free
and quiet mind.*

O Most gracious and merciful God, keep
me, I beseech thee, from the cares of
this world, that I be never too much intan-
gled therein, by reason of the manifold
things which this body needeth: nor taken
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with the vain delight of that which doth hurt the soul ; nor finally broken and overthrown with sorrow : I say not from those things which the vain world doth greedily hunt after , but from those miseries which suppress the mind of thy servant, by a common and penal course of mortality, and so withdraw me, that I cannot enter into the freedom of thy Spirit : O my God, which a sweetness unspeakable, make all fleshly joys which withdraweth me from the love of eternal things, to be grievous and odious unto me : Let not flesh and blood, O my God, let not flesh and blood overcome me : let not the World, and the vain glory thereof deceive me ; nor Satan with his subtlety supplant me : give me strength to retain patience to endure, and constancy to persevere unto the end. Grant me, for the comfort of thy *Word*, the most comfortable Ointment of the Holy Ghost : and for the lust of the flesh, pour on me the love of thy Name. The very meat, drink, and apparel with other things necessary for the nourishment of the body, are even burthensome to a fervent spirit : but grant, O Lord, that I may use those things moderately, and never be snared with an over greedy desire of them : all things are now to be rejected,

their nature would decay : Again, to cover superfluous and every pleasing thing, thy sacred Commandments do forbid ; for the flesh would insult over the spirit : Wherefore between these things, let thy hand direct me, O Lord, and teach me to do nothing out of measure. Grant this, O most merciful Father, to whom with the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory. Amen.

A Prayer for Hope.

O Eternal Father, the Authour & giver of all Hope and Comfort, I beseech thee to fill me with all joy and peace, in believing, that I may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost ; and above hope in hope believing, may never doubt of thy promises, but in a sure confidence of heart apply to my self the remission of my sins, and believe verily that I please thee in Jesus Christ, looking in a certain and strong hope, for the salvation of my soul in the life to come. And albeit the helps and happiness of this present world appear not unto me ; yet I beseech thee, O Lord, let me retain a stedfast hope among all the terrors of conscience, and never suffer the same

to be taken away from me by any snare
Satan. O thou only begotten Son of God
which hast loved me, and given me eve-
lasting comfort in hope through grace: con-
fort my heart, and establish my heart
every word and good work; that I stick not
uncertain, neither be tossed between hope
and fear; but may hold fast the confidence
and rejoicing of hope unto the end: aye, and
assist me, O my God and Father, I beseech
thee, that in all the ways of temptation and
troubles in this world, I may patiently de-
pend on thee, looking for corporal deliv-
erance according to thy will: and though the
same come not as I wish, but be kept from
me for a season, yet let me never doubt
thine aid and deliverance, but hope that
coming it will come: and I beseech thee,
O Lord, to grant me thy grace; that having
this hope, I may purge my self from all
offensive things to thee, and serve thee in
loving God, through Jesus Christ my Lord
and Saviour, for ever. Amen.

*A Prayer against the power
of Satan.*

O Lord my God, how do we daily pass
the limits of thy will ? we sin at least
even times a day, and pledge Mother Eve
in the dregs of nature : This is the frailty of
the flesh, and this is the weakness of all An-
gels issue : a miserable case, O Lord, un-
less in thy mercy thou wilt wrap us, and co-
ver us with the white rayment of grace ;
that we being thine, may never despair for
any bront of storming Satan, be it never so
perillous. O Lord save me, in thy mercy
hold me, have pity and compassion upon
me, and mark not my steps that are crooked ;
but cast the eye of thy favour upon thy Son
Christ, who was content to suffer the bleed-
ing pains of the Cross, to satisfie thy wrath,
and to deliver us from the sting of a he'lish
conscience : wherefore I beseech thee O
Lord, and most dear Saviour, not to observe
mine iniquities ; but to wash me from the
guiltiness of sin, in the flood of thy mercies,
and so to save me, that being dead in iniqui-
ty, and yet saved of thine infinite pity, I may
give all glory unto thee, and sing with our
mother the Church, that Salvation belong-

eth unto thee (O Lord) to whom be pra*in
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*A Prayer for the desire of a
godly life.*

O My Lord God, how happy were I, if I might never hereafter in thought, word, or deed, commit the thing that should displease thy divine Majesty. That life is the longing of my soul, and the substance of my wish, and the effect of my desire; my heart coveteth to see that blessed time, and my joys, then should be such as no mortal man can tell. Truly, Lord, I know thee; with the Son and the Holy Ghost, is the true perfection of eternal life, the end of all blessedness, and the summ of all delight. No eye hath seen, nor ear hath heard, nor bath it pressed into the depth of any man's understanding, to value the inestimable charity, delectation, and pleasure, of the same felicity; when we shall behold the Majesty of God face to face.

And verily most glorious God, I have repos'd this hope in my heart, and do assure my self, through faith in thee, that the eyes wherewith I read these lines shall see the glory; and this flesh wherewith I am cloath-

in corruption, and noursled in mortality,
shall be a member of that immortal King-
dom: Unto the which, Lord at thy appoint-
ment pleasure bring me; to whom with the
Son and the Holy Ghost, be all power and
glory, for ever and for ever. Amen.

An Evening Prayer.

O Omnipotent and eternal God, Father,
Son and Holy Ghost, three in persons
and one in substance, and from everlasting:
extol thy sacred Majesty, I praise thy un-
breakable mercy, thy divine truth I magni-
fie; for that of thy fatherly goodness, thou
hast graciously heard me at this time, gi-
ving me a penitent heart modestly to utter the
same: Therefore will I praise thee for this
and all other thy goodness this evening;
and going to rest, I will give thee thanks,
because thou hast kept me this day of thine
only mercy, without any merit of mine,
from all danger both in soul and body.

O Christ and King of glory, I beseech
thee bless and defend me this night; let
my rest be in thee, and grant me thy
grace, that neither much sleep overwhelm
me, nor Satan invade me, nor the flesh
betray me unto him. Let mine eyes sleep,

but let my heart wake : O Lord light
mine eyes that I sleep not in death, let
the subtil temper overtake me, and I sleep
a continual and perpetual sleep, and awake
no more : For thou art my everlasting
helper. Keep me as the *apple of thine eye*,
hide me under the shadow of thy *sacred*
wings (O Lord) that neither ugly vision,
nor horrible dreams, nor sights, nor mon-
strous apparitions trouble me in the dark.
In thy Name , O Jesus , will I go to rest
this night ; give sleep unto mine eyes, an-
slumber to mine eye-lids ; compass me
about, and raise me again to the joyful
sight of to-morrow light ; and after this
my miserable life, bring me to the be-
holding of eternal happiness, that in thy
light I may see light, and evermore praise
thee for ever. Amen

Prayers for Tuesday.
Morning.

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I will sing and give thanks
unto thee, O Lord, among the people, and
I will sing praises unto thee among the
Nations.

O Lord my God and Heavenly Father,
blessed by thy Name for ever: dispose
my heart, open my lips, and me thine ho-
mely Spirit, &c.

A Psalm.

God, my heart is ready, my
heart is ready; O Lord, I
will sing and give praise with
the best member I have.

I will sing and give thanks
unto thee, O Lord, among the people, and
I will sing praises unto thee among the
Nations.

For thy mercies are greater than the
Heavens, and thy truth reacheth unto the
Clouds.

Set up thy self therefore, O God, above
the heavens, and thy glory above all the
earth.

That thy beloved may be delivered: let
thy right hand save me, and hear thou me.

O help me against mine enemy, for vain is
the help of man.

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Through God I shall do great acts , and
is he that shall tread down mine enemies.

And deal thou with me O Lord God , ac-
cording to thy name, for sweet is thy mer-
cy.

Then will I give thanks unto thee , O
Lord , with my whole heart secretly among
the faithful, and in the Congregation.

The works of the Lord are great , sough-
out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is worthy to be praysed and
had in honour , and his righteousness endu-
reth for ever.

The merciful and gracious Lord hath
done his marvellous works, that they ought
to be had in remembrance.

The works of his hands are verity and
judgement , all his Commandments are true.

He sent Redemption unto his people , he
hath commanded his Covenant for ever
holy and reverent is his Name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of
wisdome ; a good understanding have all
they that do thereafter ; the praise of it endu-
reth for ever. Glory be to, &c.

A Morning Prayer.

Blessed be my Lord God which doth wondrous things, and blessed be the Name of his Majesty for evermore; which hath set the Sun to lighten the day, and ordain'd the Moon and the Stars to govern the night. O most high God, which by thy unspeakable wisdom hast distinguished the day from the night; and hast so decreed, that while the Worl'd shall last, this course of times and days shall never have end, so that man in the night may rest, and in the day labour until the evening; for these and all other thy benefits I praise thy name, and give thanks unto thee for thy great glory. O God, the guider of my life, forsake me not; turn from me the filthiness of desire; remove from my heart all concupiscence, and take from thy servant too over-bold a stomach: suffer me not to run headlong into riotousness; let not unlawful love overcome me, and give not thy servant over into an impudent mind. Turn mine eyes that they behold no vanity; strengthen me in thy way, and grant that mine offences in this world overcome me not: And I beseech thee, O Lord, with a most ardent affection, that this

This day and ever thou wilt keep me and all mine; and that thou wilt be unto me a mighty Protector, firmament of strength, a covering against heat, a shadow at noon-tide, a defence from falling, an assister from offending, a comforter of my soul, a lightning of my mind, a giver of health and happiness in Christ Jesus my Lord and Saviour; to whom be all glory, honour and power, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Confession to God.

O Lord, I am unworthy thy comfort or any spiritual consolation, by reason dear of my sins: that which I deserve is punishment, because I have so often offended thee and in so many things so grievously sinned. And yet, O gracious and merciful God, who wilt not that thy works should perish, to declare the riches of thy goodness upon the vessels of thy mercy, far beyond the manner of men. But what have I done, O kind Lord, that thou shouldst impart upon me any spiritual comfort at all? truly I have done no good, but always have been prone unto sin, and slow to repent: and this is so true, as if I should deny it, both thou wilt find me guilty and no man durst stand up to eache

excuse me; and therefore, O most dear Father, I do confess that I am worthy all reproach and contempt, and most unworthy to live among thy Sons & Servants : yea, and because it is true, I will yet confess against my wickedness, that so the sooner I may obtain mercy at thy hands. But what shall I (wretch that I am) say, being full of all manner of shame and infamy? what shall I say? nothing but this: I have sinned, Lord I have sinned, take mercy on me, forgive me, suffer me yet a while to bewail my wretchedness before I pass over into the Land of promise, covered with the shadow of death; for what dost thou else of a guilty and miserable man require, but that he afflict and humble himself for his sins; from a true repentance and humbling of the mind God ariseth hope of pardon, the troubled conscience is relieved, the favour of God which was lost is recovered, & man is preserved from the vengeance to come; and with a holy kiss, both God and the sorrowful soul do meet together: with the which work of true repentance endue me good Lord, that I may do thy sacred will in this life, and in the end enjoy the everlasting happiness in the world to come, through Jesus Christ my Saviour;

Saviour ; to whom be all glory , power
and might , for ever and ever. Amen.

*A Prayer for true Repentance to be
purged of sin.*

O Lord my God , what do I daily , but
wander in the field of vanity ? what
is my heart but a filthy prison of corrup-
thoughts ? what is my mouth ; but
stinking channel of vain words ? what are
my feet , but chariots to bloudshed ? what
are my hands but battlers with charity ?
what is my head , but a castle of wicked
devices ? and what is my life , but a fard
of iniquity ? I am nothing better than a dead
tree , the root is perished , the bough w
ithered , being good for nothing but for the
fury of the flame : what then , good Lord
shall it be so ? what , shall I burn , sweet
Jesus ? O save me for thy Names sake , and
quicken me , create a new heart within me
ingraft me in the true Olive ; purge me
that I may bring forth much fruit , and
ever flourish , like a tree planted by a river
side . O pour the oyl of grace into my do
filed heart , and season it with the salt of thy
mercy , lest the fume of mine iniquitie
ascend up to thy nostrils , and provoke thy
fury against me . Pour down some drops of

thy precious blood from the clouds of thy mercy, to quench out the angry flame of sin, which of my self I am not able to put out by the virtuous water of any merit : O Lamb of God, let me eat thy flesh and drink thy bloud, that I may live by thee, and cloath me in the wool of thy mercy, that no winter or storm of sin do pinch my silly soul. Thou, O God, art full of compassion & long-suffering, which continuest thy mercy for thousands, taking away iniquities, sins and offences. Thou callest us after thy wouted mercy, by thy Word, to repentance and hearty conversion; for unto all and every one is repentance and forgiveness of sins preached in thy Name ; therefore unto thee, O most merciful Father, do I cry, desiring thee to look back upon me thy unworthy servant, with the eyes of pitty, even as thou lookedst back upon the sinful woman in the banquet : likewise favour thou me, O Lord, as thou didst the Publican, who standing afar off, smot his breast, and said, *Lord be merciful unto me a sinner* : and grant, O Lord, that among the fears and terrors of conscience, I may take hold of thee by a lively faith, and never in the sight of conscience do yield my self, and despair; but upholden

den by the voice of the Gospel, I may find unto thee my Redeemer, and have by faith peace with God. And thou my Savior which hast suffered for me in the flesh, give me grace, that likewise in the same mind I may be armed for the mortifying of my flesh; that henceforth I may live not after the lusts of men, but after the will of God, and keep the Devil under (O Lord) that he compel not my troubled conscience to despair, either by heaping and rippling of mine offences, or extenuating thy mercies and grant that I may come unto thee by hearing thy Word, unto Repentance, thereby the Angels in Heaven may continually have occasion to rejoice before thee which livest and reignest ever one God of the world without end.

A Prayer for the Aid of Gods holy Spirit.

O Dear Father, forasmuch as every man living is of himself before thee but as a beast, neither knowing thee, nor the things concerning their duties unto thee, I as one of the most perverse, filthy and corrupt, do here humble myself before thee, begging at thy hands, that thou wouldst

I have promised to give unto as many as ask it of
thee, thy holy Spirit, that heavenly Com-
forter, which revealeth thee and thy will to
the simple and ignorant, which also stirreth
up the minds and inward affections of thy
children to call upon thee, by preparing
their hearts, and opening their mouths to
celebrate thy Name; bestow it, good Fa-
ther, bestow it upon me thy unworthy ser-
vant, and upon all thy children; and grant,
that although all of us are of corrupt af-
fections, and polluted lips, yet we may
be sprinkled with that heavenly Hysop,
that we may have our hearts cleansed of the
corrupt affections of this world; and the
eyes of our understanding opened, that we
may see the good things we should ask; and
our feet that are fettered with the cares of
things, may be set at liberty, that we
may walk the right way unto the Kingdom
of Heaven, and that the hands of our souls
may apprehend and take hold of the Right-
eousness of thy Son Jesus Christ; and that
by the aid of the same Spirit, we may cast
off all impediments, lets and incumbrances
that detain us from coming unto thee. San-
ctifie me within and without; wash me, and
I shall be whiter than Snow; let thy Truth
and thy Spirit meet together in my soul,
that

that my prayers may enter into thy presence
 and that thine ears may incline unto my
 humble petitions, so shall I declare thy lo-
 ving kindness in the morning, and thy Truth
 in the night-season. Thou knowest whered-
 we be made, thou forgettest not that we are
 but dust, & unprofitable children; not fit
 apt, nor able of our selves to pray unto
 thee, & praise thy Name: therefore, good
 Lord allure me unto thee, to seek thee; and
 grant that with my whole heart and mind
 may always rejoice and be comforted by
 thee, for ever and ever. Amen.

*A Prayer to acknowledge God in his
 works.*

O Most mighty and eternal God, thou
 by the creation of the World and all things
 therein is, hast sufficiently declared thy self
 to be the everlasting and Almighty God,
 that these things do far pass the reach of man's
 wisdom: and not herein only hast thou de-
 clared thy self to be God; but in that also
 that thou dost continually guide and govern
 the same and all things of thee created.
 Seeing therefore, O most merciful Father,
 that we have both in our selves, and all
 in thy creatures so manifest testimonies

that thou only, O Lord, art that eternal
mind loving God, which dost reign in all
thy creatures, guiding and governing them
by thy heavenly providence; Grant I do
beseech thee, that my heart may be hereof
fully assured, to acknowledge thee not only
to be God eternal, who hast created all
things; but also that I may in heart be fully
convinced, that thou, O Lord, dost go-
vernd all things according to thy most blessed
will; so that nothing can be done in the
whole world without thine appointment, &
that thou hast such a singular care over thine
elect, so that not so much as an hair of their
heads shall fall without thy providence;
Grant therefore, O Lord I beseech thee,
that I may hereof be fully assured in my
heart and soul, and that I may in all my
ings set thee before mine eyes, acknow-
ledging thee to be my only Lord and Father;
and by the working of thy holy Spirit in me,
may be confirmed in faith, comforted in
soul, & lightned in understanding; that always
ere on Earth I may glorifie thy holy Name,
and after the dissolution of this my mortal
body, I may attain thy everlasting joy with
thy Elect, in thy glorious Kingdom for ever
and ever. Amen.

A very fruitful Prayer to God.

VVE are all *Publicans*, O Lord open the ears of thy favour unto us, and have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us; we sin daily, but yet save us, of thy pity save us; O shew thy compassion upon me, and let me not die a *Judas* death, let me never tune the doleful song of *Cain*; but engrave in my heart a full and vely faith in thee; that never doubting thy bounteous mercy, I may with a free conscience set *Satan* at defiance, and all hellish band; O merciful Lord hear this my cry, and defend me with thy grace against the power of *Satan*, who roareth of cruelty and lurketh in every corner of malice, subtily, to tear me with the claws of his fury and merciless envy: defend me with my faith against him. O Lord lay the plaster of comfort to my wounded conscience, and cover me with the wings of thy favour, that I may live and die in thee; and so be blessed for ever; to whom, O Father, with the dear Son and the holy Ghost, be all power for ever.

A Prayer to Jesus Christ.

O My Lord God, and sweet Saviour Jesus Christ, grant unto me most frail unmaner, and miserable wretch, thy grace and mercy; and that I may ever have present before the eyes of my soul, thy most holy and behaviour; and that for my possiblity & power, I may in living and manners follow the same: and grant me, good Lord, to profit, grow and increase therein to such perfection as may be acceptable unto thee for the salvation of my soul: lighten my acts, so that by thy conduct & guiding, I may accomplish and fulfill all that may please thy goodness, & utterly eschew and void the contrary; & vouchsafe sweet Saviour, so to order and direct all my cogitations and thoughts, all my speech & words, my acts and deeds, in thy Law and Commandments, and in thy monitions and counsels; and so take me good Lord unto thee, where in all things doing thy will I may by grace become one of thy saved souls, to ewith thee my Redeemer for ever. Amen.

Prayers

Prayers for Tuesday night.

O Lord my God and Father, bly L
be thy Name for ever. Dispossest
heart, open my lips, &c.

A Psalm.

M Y God, my God, look i L
me, why hast thou forsorg
mee, and art so farr from He
health, and from the word cry
my complaint?

O my God, I cry unto thee in the O
time, but thou hearest not; and in the nava
season also I take no rest.

And yet thou continuest holy, O neither
Worship of Israel.

Wherefore unto thee, O Lord, believe
lift up my soul, my God, I have put in the
trust in thee: O let me not be confoun
neither let mine enemies triumph over me thy p

O remember not the sins and offend will
my youth, but according to thy mercy &c.
thou on me.

Who can tell how oft he offend
cleanse me from my secret faults.

Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me, so shall I be undefiled and innocent from the great offence.

ble Let the words of my mouth, and the meditations of my heart be always acceptable in thy sight, O Lord my strength and my Redeemer.

For thy Name sake, O Lord, be merciful unto my sin, for it is great.

Look upon mine adversity and misery, & forgive me all my sins.

Hearken unto my voice, O Lord, when I cry unto thee, have mercy upon me, and hear me.

O hide not thy face from me, nor cast thy servant away in displeasure.

Thou haft been my succour, leave me not, O neither forsake me O God of my salvation.

I should utterly have fainted, but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing O my God, and I will give thanks unto thee for ever. Glory, cy ex.

A Prayer for the remission of sins.

O Most loving and bountifull Father, forasmuch as it is most meet, righteous, and requisite, that all flesh should praise, magnifie and worship thee, who only art the Creatour and Maker of things, who of thine own mercy and goodness didst send down thine only begotten Son, to take our nature upon him, and suffer death for our sins, thereby to make recompence for the offences which Man committed against thee : And all this didst of thine exceeding bounty and kindness without any desert of Mankind, not so much as by any one prayer, or yet thereunto incited : I being therefore, O dear Father, imboldened with such an incomparable benefit, so freely given and bestowed, do without any fear at this time appear before thy Divine Majesty, prostrating my self before the seat of thy Mercy, and with the humbleness of heart and minde, do now this my prayer unto thee : despise me not, O Lord, being dealed with sin and iniquity, be merciful unto me a sinner, lighthen and evill-sighted eyes of my minde, open ther stopp

stopped ears of *my heart*, that I may both
see and hear, and understand that which thou
teachest, and do always that thou command-
est; and that I be not only a hearer of thy
Word; but a practiser of the same in *my life*
and conversation; Save and defend *me* from
all shame and reproach; be thou *my shield*
and buckler against all temptations; cleanse
my mind and thoughts from all uncleanness;
keep and preserve *me* from all danger both
body and soul, and guide *me* with thy
grace, so to spend this my small, short,
transitory time in this world, that *I may*
be a member of Christ, & partaker of thy
eternal felicity: to the which, seeing that
by mine own weakness *I shall never be able*
to aspire, I do here, O Lord, take hold of
that promise of thine, where thou hast said;
Come unto *me* all ye that labour, and I will
refresh you: this is *my hold-fast*, this is
my anchor and sure stay, for verily, sweet
Saviour, when I look upon mine own frail-
ness, & behold how ready *I am to offend*,
then I quake for fear; but as soon as I call
to mind thy great love and Kindness, and
not thou wilt not the death of a sinner; and that
in what day soever he doth heartily repent
and call unto thee, then thou wilt hear him;
then *I am relieved*, then *I am not a little*

comforted, knowing surely that thou will perform that which thou hast promised : by faithful assurance whereof, I now say unto thee, Turn thou me, O my God, & I shall be turned : be favourable unto me, O Lord, my soul which is wounded with sin, for I do acknowledg mine iniquity, and am heartily sorry for mine offences, through whichever I have either in word or deed, thought, or any other kind of way offended thee ; blot them out of thy remembrance, and let the Bloud of that *immaculate Lamb*, Jesus Christ, wash them away : let mine old enclosures decay and die in me, that I never commit them any more, or by any means renew them in thy sight ; and in the mean time do not withdraw thy grace from me, but cause me to do all that good is. O Father, remove thy wrath away from me, and restore me to thy favour ; turn thou thy loving countenance unto me, and plentifully pour forth thy mercy upon me ; Guide thou my foot-steps in thy paths, and suffer me not at any time to stray from thy wayes ; let me always have the fear of thee in my heart, and if at any time through weakness & frailty I do transgres thy commandments, yet thou not therefore, good Lord, reject me.

Without be thou that good Samaritan, and pour
the oyl and wine of mercy and forgiveness
unto those wounds which sin shall make in me;
shake me thy servant, and so endue me with
thy grace, that I may unfainedly with heart
and voice, serve, honour and praise thee,
through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour,
whom be praise and glory, for ever and
ever. Amen.

*A Prayer setting out the power of
God's grace.*

O Lord my God, who hast created me
after thine own Image; give me thy
grace which is most excellent and necessary
unto all salvation, that I may subdue my
wicked nature, drawing me alwayes unto sin
and destruction: for I see in my flesh the
lust of sin rebelling against the law of my
own mind, and leading me captive to the satisfy-
ing of my vain desires in many things; so
that without the assistance of thy most heaven-
ly grace, poured zealously into my mind,
am unable to resist the assaults thereof:
Lord, I take thy grace, and that much
grace of thine, whereby my nature, prone
to all impiety even from my youth, may be
subdued and overcome; for Nature being

fallen through the offence of the first Man
and defiled through sin , the punishment
whereof hath redounded unto all mankind
so that , that nature which at the first thou
didst make good and righteous, is now contami
ned for the sin and infirmitie of the corrupt
nature ; insomuch as the motions left unto
it tend alwayes unto evill and inferiour thinges
hence O Lord it is, that touching the inward ex
man , I am delighted with thy Law , knowinge
ing that thy statutes are good , righteous
and holy ; and that they reprove wickednes
& teach that which is to be avoided ; but my
flesh serve the Law of sin , whilst I obey
the appetite more than reason ; hence it is
that to will is present with me ; but also I
find no means to perform ; herof it is , thay
often times I purpose to do many things wond
but because thy heavenly favour and grace
is wanting , which may help mine infirmitie
I flee back and retire ; yea hereof it is , thay
I know indeed the way of righteousness , & tha
see , as it were , in a glas what my duty is
but through the weight of my sin , I have no
power to arise unto perfection : O Lord ,
how greatly do I lack thy grace , both to
begin what good is , and also to proceed
throughly in goodness : for without it I can
do nothing , but through the help therof expell

And can do all things in thee : O heavenly
mercy , without which neither the merits of
thy man , nor the gifts of nature are of price
whatsoever : For the gifts of nature are
common , as well to the wicked as to the
good : but thy grace is a gift peculiar only
unto the elect ; which whoso have , are counted
ingent and worthy eternall life . Finally , it is
wonderfull excellent , that without it , neither the
honesty of prophesie , nor the working of Mi-
acles is any thing worth : yea , neither faith
nor hope , nor any other virtue are of price
but by accepted of thee , without love and graces
of blessed grace , which maketh him rich
in virtue who is poor in spirit : Come ,
alas ! come down to me , and fill me early with
thy comfort , that my mind with weariness
and hunger faint not : O Lord , I beseeche
thee impart thy grace unto me , that is suffi-
cient for me , though I have nought in me else
that nature would require ; yea I protest ;
if that be with me , I will dread no tem-
ptation , nor trouble whatsoever ; this is my
strength , that bringeth counsel and help ;
Love , it is both mightier than a' l enemies , &
wiser then the prudent ; it is the Mystery of
Truth , the teacher of Discipline , the light
of the mind , the comfort in affliction , the
expeller of sadness , the remover away of

care, and the nourisher of Religion. At know word, without it, what am I but wither'd wood, and a root most unprofitable, to be cast away? wherefore O Lord, let this thy grace both go before, and also follow me, whereby I may continually apply my self upon wel-doing, through Jesus Christ my Lord & Saviour; to whom be all honour and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer for a competent living.

O Almighty God, and loving Father, who of nothing hast created all things into living; thy providence is so great over the creation, that thou sufferest not the most vile & thriest and simplest of them all to perish for want of relief, and things requisite for them, seeking the same at thy hands; yea, and such is thy favour, O Lord, towards Man, that thou dost most miraculously provide for him, that all the rest of thy creatures thou hast ordained for his use & service, and yet make some poor and some rich; some thou exaltest, & some thou keepest low; some call to live at ease, and some by labour; and yet none live without thy providence; and I among the rest of thy creatures, I do acknowledge

At knowledge my self greatly bound unto thee,
herefor helping me hitherto; and as thy silly
creature and work of thy hands I humbly
prostrate my self in heart before thy Majesty,
beseeching thee favourably to look down
upon my necessity, and grant me whatsoever
thou seest necessary for me, even a competent
and necessary portion here; nor overmuch,
lest I wax proud; and disdain mine inferiours;
and if it be thy will vouchsafe unto me, not
over little, lest urgent necessity drive me to
over-much care, and over much care carry
me to unlawful means, and so I run headlong
into thy displeasure; but by truth in my
calling I may be able to live and wade
through the hardness of this world, and be
anather helpful to the poor, than burthensome
to the rich. O Lord bring it thus to pass;
is it for without thy blessing and fatherly further-
thance, I cannot sufficiently execute; neither
can that prosper, thereupon the whole state
of my living & maintenance dependeth;
wherefore good Lord blesse my understanding
and endeavours, to the prosperous execution
of all things which concern my vocation and
calling; and grant, O Lord, that whatso-
ever doth happen unto me; as poverty or
riches; I may be of a patient mind, that in
adversity I run not headlong into such means

as are ungodly ; neither in prosperity w^t
the prouder , but wait thy good pleasure
them both with thankfulness , and evermore
live in thee & by thee , and in the end re^{turn}
with thee in Heaven , where thou sittest
author and giver of all thy blessings . Gra^r
this , O most merciful Father ; to whom wi^t
thy Son , and the Holy-Ghost , be all pow^r
and glory for ever . *Amen.*

A Prayer to subdue our affections.

O Lord , Mighty and Mercifull , w^t
didst create Man in the beginning , simple
sincere , & without spot of sin : In which
his integrity & innocence he then presented
thine own Image , which was pure & without
spot of sin ; and yet such was man , that he
fell from thee by disobedience , whereby he
corrupted his wayes , & became far unliken^g
unto thee , being defiled with all vanities
wherein alas ! we all of us wallow , the most
with greediness : wherefore most dear Fa^r
ther in Jesus Christ , create in me new
thoughts , new affections , shape in me true
obedience , that I may mortifie and kill all
sin and vain inclinations which rise up against
thee : let sin no longer bear rule in me , O
Lord ; but let thy grace more & more abound
that

that all that I do think, speak or do, may be
avouring more of the desire of Heaven and
Heavenly, than of earthly and carnal desires;
that so I may be approved, not only before
men, to be as ought, but to thee to be as thou
requirest; to whom, O Lord, be all honour
and glory for ever. Amen.

A Prayer for the Kings Majesty.

O Lord Almighty, the Governour,
Preserver, and continual Protector of
Princes, to whose beck and will all King-
doms of the Earth are subject; look in mercy
and favour, O Lord, I beseech thee, upon
the state of thy servant, our dear sovereign
Lord *King Charles*, and all his Royal issue;
be thou unto him and *hem* a safe refuge in all
time of danger; and let thy holy Spirit be
unto him a continual guide in all his acts and
proceedings; direct him, to comfort, defend
and support us, and either to bring our
enemies to a perfect peace, in embracing the
Truth with us, or confound their power and
devices for ever.

An Evening Prayer.

O Heavenly Father, and eternal God I honour thee, I praise thee, I yield thee most hearty thanks for all thy benefits, and at this time especially, O Lord, because thou hast patiently and attentively heard my petitions, and hast given me soberness and humbleness of mind, to utter the same without any interruption. I bless thee, my everlasting God, and with all my heart give thee thanks, for that not only thou hast saved me this day from death, from hurts, and from all perils from my cradle; but hast defended both my soul and body from all Mis-fortune and Dangers: Therefore my soul magnifieth the Lord, and my spirit rejoiceth in God my Saviour, for he hath looked upon the afflictions of his servants: And now among all other thy goodness, O Lord hear, O Lord forgive, hearken O God for thy Name sake, for it is called upon by me: O God of Heaven and Earth, in the evening do I call upon thee, that remitting my sins, thou wouldest receive me into thy protection; and keep me this night, that the Devil have no power over me; for thou, O Lord, art my everlasting Protector; for behold, whether

I sleep or wake, whether I live or die, I am alwayes thine : let thy Mercy follow me, O Lord, all the dayes of my life, that I may dwell in thy house and praise thee, and that I may in acknowledging thy greatness, confess my sinful & wretched weakness: and visit me O Lord, and drive from me all the assaults of mine enemies, both bodily and ghostly ; and let thy holy Angel be with me, and keep me this night, & evermore , by thy grace ; and ever let thy bleiling be upon me this night , and for evermore. *Amen.*

Prayers for Wednesday Morning.

O Lord my God and Father, bless
be thy Name for ever. Dispose from
heart, open my lips, &c.

A Psalm.

In thee, O Lord, have I put my
trust, let me never be put to confus
on : deliver me in thy Righteousnes
Bow down thine ear unto me, make
hast to deliver me.

Into thy hands I commend my spirit, for
thou hast redeemed me, O Lord, thou Goo
of truth.

I have hated them that hold of superstition
vanities, & my trust hath been in the Lord.

I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy
for thou hast considered my trouble, and ha
known my soul in adversity.

Shew thy servant the light of thy coun
nance, and save me for thy mercies sake.

O how plentiful is thy goodness which
thou hast laid up for them that fear thee, and
that thou hast prepared for them that put their
trust in thee.

Wherfore

Wherefore I will confess my wickedness,
and be sorry for my sin; I will take heed
unto my wayes, that I offend not in my
tongue.

lesse. Therefore withdraw not thou thy mercy
from me, O Lord, but let thy loving
kindnes and thy truth alwayes preserve
me.

For my soul is athirst for God, yea,
God, yea even for the living God; when
shall I come to appear before the presence of
my God?

snes. Yea, as the Hart desireth the water-brooks,
so longeth my soul after thee O God.

Wherefore send out thy light and thy
truth, that they may lead me and bring me
to thy holy hill, and to thy dwelling.

Why art thou so heavy, O my soul? and
why art thou so disquieted within me?

O put thy trust in God, for I will yet
give him thanks, which is the help of my
countenance, and my God. Glory be to
the Father, and to the Son, and to the
Holy Ghost, &c.

A Morning Prayer.

O Most merciful and loving Father, thank thee for the sweet sleep and comfortable rest that thou hast given me this night; and forsoomuch as thou hast commanded by thy holy Word, that no man should be idle, but alwayes occupied in godly and virtuous exercises, every man according to his calling: I most humbly beseech thee, O Lord, that thine eyes may attend upon me that thy grace may daily defend me from danger: succour, cherish, & comfort me in all my need and distress; & govern all my counsels, studies, and labours, in such a wise, that I may spend this day according to thy most blessed will, and the discharge of mine own conscience in thee; that warring against all things that may displease thee, and setting alwayes before mine eyes thy fear, I may (thy grace assisting me, and thy holy Spirit guiding me) work that which is acceptable before thy divine Majesty unto thy praise and glory for ever. Amen.

A fruitful Confession to God for sins committed.

O Gracious God, have mercy upon me, have mercy upon me, look favourably upon me, incline thine ears towards me, hide not thy face now my soul is troubled. Almighty God, from whose light there is no covert, & against whose power there is no resistance nor flight; I beseech thee to cast off the blind burden of fleshly affections; subdue my reason, regenerate my will, purifie my nature; lead my desire that I may seeke thee; lighten my understanding that I may see thee; for I can neither seek thee without thou direct me, nor see thee except thou reveal thy self. Lord forgive mine ignorance, forget my presumption, pardon my iniquities, relieve my necessities; Let thy sins no longer be a cloud between my prayers & thy pity, between thy goodness and my distress; most gracious God; who art mercifull towards all, suffer me not to be destitute of thy mercy; for although I have committed that whereby I may be destroyed, yet hast thou neither forgone nor forgotten that whereby thou art wont to save: O wretched that I am, how coldly do I cry, how weakly

weakly do I crave , how senseless is my unclean soul ? alas I am nothing but vanity a rotten root , without any life or virtue barren ground , bringing forth nothing but sin , shame and damnation : I am unable either to give thee any thing , but of thy own goods , or do any thing for my salvation but by thy free gift : wherefore O my sweet Saviour , by the tender love , and by all thy mercies , reach me thy helping hand , draw my soul out of the mire of sin wherein it is fast set , that I perish not in the presence of thy pity : deliver me from the snars that thy enemy hath laid to take the soul of sinners either wilful or secure.

Cut away occasions of evil before me guide me unto thee the streightest course and so long as I am to continue in this vale of misery , settle me in that state of mind wherein I may best please thee : Give me grace , O gracious God , although I have hitherto had no care to live well , yet I now wholly and holily bend my care to live well ; and that from henceforth I may live under thy fear , and dye in thy favour , rest in thy peace , and remain in thy joy for ever. Amen

A Prayer for Patience.

Most gracious and omnipotent Father, whose mercy is everlasting, and power infinite, bow down thine ear and hearken unto my prayer which I make before thee, beseeching thee of thy accustomed goodness, to endue me with the works of Mercy and deeds of Charity; and above all things, to give me patience in adversity; meekly to suffer, and patiently to take whatsoever it shall please thee to lay upon me, and never to murmur or to grudge thereat, but always to think thy loving and gentle correction to be much less than the deserts of my great and manifold offences. And again, if I be not under correction, then am I not thy child! for what father is he that correcteth not his children whom he most entirely loveth? this is a most evident token that thou lovest us, when as thou correctest us: for as the scripture saith; *Whom God loveth, him he chasteneth.* Thou seest all things, thou understandest and knowest all things, so that not so much as one little sparrow lighteth upon the ground without thy knowledg; yea and our very thoughts are fore-known unto thee; thou disposest and orderest all things as

as seemeth best to thy holy will and pleasall v
By thy help I may do all things , but without
thee I can do nothing. When thou pouessest
upon us thy creatures , thy good gifts & bee
benefits , thou dost it to this end ; that as sh
acknowledging the same , should thereby be pa
encouraged to serve , honour and obey the bus
and contrarywise , when thou strikest us w
thy rod of correction , thou dost it to put Lor
in minde that we have transgressed thy CoL
mandments ; that we have not hearkened
unto thee , but willingly fallen into the pu
nition of sin , and following our own appetit
have provoked thy just wrath and indignation
against us. Thus thou dealest with us : O
Lord , to the intent that we suffering both loss
punishment , and feeling the smart of the fath
may thereby be admonished of our durtis
and with true compunction of heart , desirous
to be released from the scourge that we ha
deserved. This O heavenly Father , & p
acknowledgeto be our duty ; but alas , If bear
my part have not performed the same as one
ought ; yet I beseech thy goodness not to po
execute the rigour of thy justice upon me
but to stay thy hand ; and before thou giv
me any greater wound , to behold my hum
ility & repentance ; and here I do offer the fol
O Lord , according as the poor widow did suc

leastall which I am able to give ; that is , a for-
withowful contrition of heart for my former
pouffences done and past : wherefore I beseech
thee to give me grace , that what way soever
that shall please thee to punish me , I may take
cebyt patiently , and say , *Naked I came into*
this world , and naked I shall return to the
us wrath again : The Lord giveth , and the
Lord taketh away , even as it pleaseth the
Lord , so be it . Suffer me not , O Lord ,
to despair , or to think that thou dealest
unjustly with me ; but to say , Shall I receive
eternal prosperity at the Lords hands , and not be
gnoment with adversity ? and always to
think upon this ; Happy are they whom thou
boottspunish ; for though thou make a wound ,
thou also givest a plaster ; though thou
desirtest , thy hand maketh whole again : Mine
iniquities are great , be thou merciful unto my
wickedness ; O deliver me from thine anger ,
& press me not further than I shall be able to
bear ; but now I acknowledge , that what-
ever trouble thou hast sent me , or wilt lay
not upon me , is either for the punishment of
mine iniquities , or for the tryal of my
*constancy ; I may with repentant *David* ,*
humind remission of my sins ; and with patient
the Job , release of mine adversity , and obtain
such favour in thy sight , that I may so pass
this

this life, that I may afterwards live with thee in thy eternal glory : grant this O my almighty Father, for thy dear Sons sake Jesus Christ ; to whom with the Holy-Ghost, in All honour and glory , for ever and ever now Amen.

A Prayer for Humility.

O My sweet Saviour Jesus, it is thine own lesson : *Be bumble and meek as I am* : it is thy word also ; *My sheep hear my voice* : but Lord what shall I do, *whose flesh is proud*, I daily rebel against thy beatitudinal will, I envy my superiors, I love not mine equals, I despise mine inferiors : This is the fruit of the flesh O Lord, but thou art love and life, O loving Jesus ; and therefore, beseech thee of thy tender love to pity me & to endue me with the spirit of humbleness O that being poor in spirit, I may with the little ones of thy Kingdom be blessed and live for ever : O Lord, for the avoydance of pride, give me thy grace to consider, that when by it an Angel became a Devil, and Man was excommunicate from the Paradise of pleasure, for desire of Soveraignty begat the Devil, sin and death & damnation; so that out of it, as out of most filthy puddle , issu'd a whole sea of mischief

himschief & misery : Of this cup of pride,
mather Adam diank, when by his disobedience
Jesuē be lost thy favour, and by the taste of
it, in Apple, thought to be thy Co-mate, in
knowing of good & evil ; Give me thy
grace not only to consider this, but also fully
to digest it ; that detesting it as a venomous
ripe, I may in humbleness of heart serve
thee holly & soundly, without hypocrisy,
tho art a pattern of lowliness, and a mirror
of humility continually to be looked upon,
þat truly to be followed. O life and lover of
us, give me gracie alwayes to hear, and
bearing thy word, to follow thee my Lord
and God, both now and for ever. Amen.

A Prayer for Gods fear.

O Almighty and eternal God, thy holy
word teacheth us, that thou art not
th only a Father, but also a Lord; not only a
giver, but also a revenger; not only a
aviour, but also a Judge : and as thou
being a Father, a Saviour, and forgiver,
wost pardon & shew mercy; so thou being a
Lord, a revenger, and a Judge, punishment
and condemnest : Neither doth thy holy
Word set forth unto us a Gospel which com-
meth us, quickneth us, sheweth us Joyful
schie tidings,

tidings , quieteth our consciences , & setteth
bringeth us unto everlasting life ; but also by his
Law which reproveth , accuseth , condemneth , talketh
eth , woundeth , & slayeth our conscience at I
yea and throweth us down headlong into
everlasting perdition ; so that by this we may see
see , that we may not only love thee as a Father
ther , Saviour , and a forgiver ; but also feare
thee as a Lord , a revenger , and a Judge .
forasmuch therefore , O most gentle Saviour
and most righteous Judge , as nothing doth abra
so mightily put away sin & make us to walk
in the way of thy Commandments , as reverenc
rently to fear thee , and to stand in awe of
thy judgments and heavy displeasure : I meadlo
entirely pray and beseech thee , to give me wha
that fear which thou requirest of us in the men
holy Word , and whereunto thou hast pro
mised so many large and bounteous benefites .
that I may not only love thee as a Father ,
honour thee as a Saviour , but reverence thee
as a Lord , and fear thee as a Judge ; O Lord
all things are open to thine eyes , neither
any thing hid from thee , which seest the m
inward thoughts & secrets of our heart
Give me grace , O Lord , I beseech thee
that in all my enterprises , I may ever set
fear before mine eyes , and so stand in awe
of thee , and of thy righteous judgments , the
Amen .

attempt nothing whereby I should provoke
thy heavenly displeasure against me ; but so
em walk in thy fear , and in thy holy Ordinance ,
ce that I may at all times love thee as a Father ,
; in honour thee as a Saviour , reverence thee as
Lord , and fear thee as a Judge : So shall
a come to pass , that I reverently loving thee
as a childe doth his Father , shall not only
d void all such evils as might make thee my
heavy Lord , and fearful Judge ; but also
brace those virtues , which shall both e-
vidently declare my faithful love , true ho-
rever , unfeigned reverence and humble fear
wards thee ; and also make thee my Lord
loving Father , and most merciful Saviour ;
whom be all honour and glory for ever.
men.

*A Prayer for the desire of Heavenly
things.*

O My God , O the sweet life of my soul !
what other thing besides thee ought I
look after ? what , have I not all things if
I do possess thee who hast created all things ?
there is nothing of any estimation , but only
things as thou hast made ; for whatsoever
race of comeliness , pleasantness , fineness ,
sweetness , virtue , dignity or riches , consisteth
in

in any creature, the same proceedeth from thee, O God, and all things abundantly flow without any lack : O Creator most excellent, thou art the pleasure of all things, thou art the abundant fulness of perfect joy and the unmeasurable Sea of all holy delight. Thou art that light and incredible brightness, and passing brightness, which they do not see, taste and feel, that are inwardly joyful unto thee, through exceeding pureness of heart, while they yet remain in this present exile : The loving embracements, nor dainty kisses of the Mother, the appearance of the weeping of her tender child, nor the pleasant countenance of the husband toward his loving wife, are but as shadows and of value, in respect and consideration of sweet embracements, wherewith thou, Lord, dost allure the souls of those that see thee : But if poor banished men can be blessed and happy, and that they can see such incomparable goodness, who see it but in a dark shadowed glass : how much more happier ought we then to judge thy holy Citizens who see thee face to face, those thy beloved children, do now fully manifestly know, and in themselves do fully know, how much thou dost favour and love them, from the begining hast loved them : thou

Lord, it is that dost quacie, gladden,
refresh and satisfie with a delicate delire of
enjoying thy company, the hearts and wil s
of all men : and to say all , O eternal
God, thou art all in all, in that most holy
City of New Jerusalem : That is, the
happy day, & the singular day, whereof
thou, O Lord Jesus hast spoken to thy
Disciples; *In that day you shall know that*
am in my Father, and you in me, and
in you : O day so much wished-for with
most hearty desire, wherein the holy souls
shall be united unto thee O God, and shall be
inspired with a marvelous light of wisdom,
and transformed into the brightness of
eternal glory ; O Jesus I grant I beseech
thee, that so long as I am in the darkness of
this misty desart, that the eyes of my mind
may behold and contemplate the most shin-
ing light and brightness of thee, O God,
and that I may alwayes praise thee for ever
and ever. Amen.

A Prayer to God for zeal in Prayer.

O My God and Father, I beseech thee,
that if at any time I feel in my self
my faintness or failing of fervency in call-
ing upon thee, that thou wilt kindle within
F my

my heart the heavenly heat of thy ~~more~~ ^{whole} holy Spirit, that I may burn in the ~~zeal~~ ^{with} thee and thy holy house; and grant me ~~there~~ ^{ever} grace, O Lord, to cry with thy holy ~~A~~ ^{perfect} apostle for the increase of faith; that being awakened and stirred up by thy most tender King & fatherly affection and instigation, I ~~shall~~ ^{never} enjoy the effect of all my godly and necessary desires, which thou hast promised ~~to~~ ^{who} give unto me in thy Son Jesus Christ; whose sake I expect all good things at th hands: make my heart the undefiled instrument of peace and perfect thoughts, ~~and~~ my tongue the Trumpet of thine eternal praise, my body the habitation of the Holy-Ghost, mine eyes the windows ^C beholding the worthy way that leads to the my legs the supporters of my body ~~and~~ soul, towards the attaining of thy heavenly Kingdom: O Lord, thou knowest ~~my~~ ^{my} hearty desire is always to serve thee, and evermore to abide in thy love and favour. Grant unto me Lord, of thy gracious goodness, that I may live in thy Law ^{long} walk in thy way, and die in thy faith; and that I may clearly be delivered of the bondage of sin, and be wholly out of ~~de~~ ^{long} and damnation: Give me the peace which the world cannot give; grant me the joy ^{which} bed

which thine Elect do possess ; sustain me
with the comfort that never shall be void ;
rect me with the hope that always shall
persist ; instruct me with thy Word that
never shall endure ; and advance me to thy
Kingdom that never shall have end : then
shall thy Glory still live in me and I shall
never die , but reign with thee for ever ; to
whom , O Father , be all honour and glory ,
world without end. Amen.

Prayers for Wednesday Night.

O Lord my God and Father , blessed
be thy Name for ever. Dispose
my heart , open my lips , &c.

A Psalm.

Lord my God , thou hast
searched me out , and known
me ; thou knowest my down-
sitting , and my uprising ; thou
understandest my thoughts
long before .

Thou art about my path , and about my
bed , and spyest out all my wayes .

For lo, there is not a word in my tongue
but thou, O Lord, knowest it altogether.

My reins are thine, thou hast cover'd me
in my Mother's womb.

I will give thanks unto thee, for I am
fearfully and wonderfully made: marvelously
are thy works, and that my soul knoweth
right well.

My bones are not hid from thee, thou
seeest me made secretly, & fashioned beneath
the earth.

Thine eyes did see my substance, when
being unperfect, & in thy book were
my members written.

Which day by day were fashioned, when
as yet there was none of them.

O how dear are thy Counsel's unto me,
O God, O how great is the sum of them.

O enter not into Judgment with thy
servant, for in thy sight shall no man living
be justified.

Keep me, O Lord, from the hands
the ungodly; preserve me from wickedness
which are purposed to overthrow
my goings.

Let my prayer be set forth in thy sight
the incense; and the lifting up of my hands
be an evening sacrifice.

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth,
and keep the door of my lips.

O let not my heart be inclined to any evil
thing, let me not be occupied in ungodliness,
with the men that work wickedness, lest I
do such things as please them,

But teach me to do the thing that pleaseth
thee, for thou art my God, let thy loving
Spirit lead me forth into the land of righte-
ousness.

A Prayer for mortification.

O Righteous God, and merciful Father,
who art so pure and clean, that no
corruption resteth in thy sight; and sith
there is required in all men the sincere and
inward zeal of the soul, and an absolute
killing of the motions of the flesh, and
mortifying of all carnall affection: look
favourably upon me, O Lord, in whom
doth dwell an innumerable troop of foolish
fantasies, and an heap of sinful affections:
I finde and feel, O Lord, that though many
times to will be present with me, yet to
perform is not in my power; sin doth prevail,
and death through sin swalloweth me up,
so that I rest in darkness of sin, by giving
scope unto mine own perverse will; and such

is my miserable estate, that being thus drawn
my self, flesh and blood flattereth it selfe
and concludeth, that whatsoever I purpose
in an evil desire, so that it break not forth
into open gross wickedness, that I am but
enough, that I am as sincere as is
and that I stand too fearfull of thy judg-
ment. When thou knowest, O Lord,
all and every the least conceit of sin, brea-
ing into action, in what covert measure
or mean degree soever, it by and by
dangereth my soul, and deserveth sud-
judgement; and therefore let it please thee
O Father, that as thy dear Son, through
thy surpassing love, hath reconciled all sin-
unto thy favour again, that are truly
nitent, so let thy holy Spirit continuall
work to the taming of my unbridled flesh
and let me, by the same Spirit, come to
true mortification of all the evils that rise
in me; So shall I deny and forsake my selfe
and follow thee; so shall I leave my selfe
and come to thee; hate my self, and looke
thee; conquer my self, and serve thee.

And here thou seest, O my dear Father
that I am most weak, and without the
continual working of thy grace, I cannot
any measure suppress my desires, but
they rather the more strongly rise in me:

thus cannot deny my self but I rather deny the
it self working of thy grace in me ; I do not only
urp not mortifie my sins , but sin rather reviveth
it so and becometh strong in me , in as much as
in how it bringeth forth fruit , not unto life , but
unto death : therefore I beseech thee , O
jud heavenly Father , to sanctifie me , that I
, th defile not my self with the filthiness of the
breathless , nor fleshly things , how soever they
may seem to please me : let me not be de-
ceived with the pleasing judgments of wordly
men , who affirm sin to be no sin , darkness
to be light , and light to be darkness , A-
theism to be Religion , and sanctity to be
all sin . O dear Father , many are the inormi-
ties that rise up in us , and defended not only
as things tollerable , but as things laudable :
wherefore I beseech thee to mortifie these
evils , and let me no longer be sotted with
the filthy fashions of this world : extinguish
the flames of eternal desires , repress the
raging lusts of the flesh : and grant that I
may with shame , and with due watchfulness
avoid all things that have but the appearance
of evil ; but being thus inwardly subdued ,
I may make outward profession , that what-
soever I do , it may be simply grounded
upon a good conscience : & let me still retain
this in memory , O Lord , that I cannot

follow mine own will and thy word, the most I cannot impart my affections to the deed O C of the flesh, and the works of the Spirit who that I cannot walk in darkness and light, i who the way of death, and in t^e the way of life the l wherefore O most dear Father, dire it m encr in my whole life, and separate me from the world, and worldly things ; and let m is tr dwell with thee in all godly meditations & Blo contemplations, and let me use the things us, this world as if I used them not : and bein us: thus truly mortified in the body, and qui upon kned in the Spirit, I may look in contine loo watchfulness for the dissolution of this m Hig mortal body, that my soul may ascend nou and in the end, both soul and body may f Ho evermore enjoy the eternal joyes of heaven in m Amen.

A Prayer against despairation.

O Most merciful God, greatly have sinned, and alas am guilty of many crimes : Therefore unto thee do I cry, O most holy Father and eternall God, keep me in thy Name, that in temptations and extremities I never faint in courage; Moderate and mitigate my vexations, let them come to a joyful end, that I fall not into the most

, the most heinous sin of incredulity and despair.
deed O Christ Jesus , Saviour of the world ,
piu whose mercy cometh unto us like a stream ,
nt , who art my eternal happiness , I do from
f life the bottom of my heart beseech thee , to
et n encrease faith , establish hope , and streng-
m then patience within me ; for this certainly
is true , that one little drop of thy sacred
ns Blood shed for us , is of more power to save
ngs us , than all our enormous sins to condemn
bein us : wherefore , O sweet Saviour , look
quod upon me with the eyes of mercy , as thou
inu lookedst back upon *Peter* in the Hall of the
s m High-Priests Palace , after he had both re-
end nounced thee & cursed himself : O God the
y f Holy-Ghost be thou present with me
ave in mine extreme need , when the Devil will
accuse me , and my conscience bear witness
against me ; when I shall be environed with
horrible dangers and temptations , and all
things set themselves against me .

Strengthen my heart at that time ; O
comfortable Spirit , with the zeal of thy
testimony , that undoubtedly I may believe
the forgiveness of sins , the resurrection of
the flesh , and everlasting life , which shall
be given to all believers . Blessed Trinity ,
and eternal God of one essence , give grace
that in every combat , especially at the point

of death, being mindful of thy Covenant made with me in Baptism, and of thy most comfortable promise annexed; which is that all that believe and are baptised shall be saved, I may never doubt either of thy merciful good will towards me, or of the remission and forgiveness of my sins; by often remembrance of this sign of the covenant, I may dayly more and more confirmed in faith and hope of eternal happiness: and here, O holy Trinity, lift up my sorrowful heart, and pour upon me wholesome comfort of thy heavenly brightness; and at the point of death refresh me with sweet light of thy cheerfull countenance, that with exceeding joy I may desire to depart, and come to thy heavenly home where thou livest and reignest as my eternal God and Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer for the power of Gods Spirit to abide in us.

O Omnipotent and eternal God and Father, which comfortest such as are sorrowful, and who givest all good gifts; thou of thy free favour and love, didst willed us in all our affairs and necessities, and as often as we stand in need of any

thy blessings, or feel our selves burdened with any kind of tribulation or affliction, either of body or mind, to call upon thee in the name of thy Son Jesus Christ, and thou wilt grant what we want, Most humbly I beseech thee, to send down upon my dark understanding, the bright beams of thy most holy Spirit, to lighten me, and to direct me in all my supplications and prayers; & specially at this time, O Lord, for that thou knowest my weakness and ignorance to be such, as I am altogether unable to frame my requests according to thy will, or to seek that which is for mine own souls health; wherefore I most humbly beseech thee, O Lord, in the Name of him thy Son, to address and prepare my heart to the true understanding, and unfeigned calling on thy Name for such things as thy wisdom shall think most expedient for me, both to the obtaining of thy heavenly kingdom, which is before all things to be sought for, and for temporal blessings best known to thee; which in respect of my ignorance, my dulness, my corruption, my weakness, and the guilt of mine own conscience, I cannot crave in such due and faithful manner as I ought; and therefore most dear Father, I here beseech thee in the Namee

Name of thy Son Christ, that thou wⁱ pray
ayd me with thy holy Spirit in my prayer pro-
that being of my self dull, I may be m^a in a
zealous; and whereas I am of my s^w as w^o
cold, I may be thereby made fervent and th^e
faithful, that my prayers be not as a ~~smo~~ make
which vanisheth, or as the wind whiⁿ the
passeth away, being only in the lips, and of c^o
not firm in the heart; let it be effectual and will
an acceptable sacrifice, sweet and pleasing give
thy sight; and that nothing pass the bound w^o
of my unfeigned lips, but that which m^a
beseech a single heart, alwayes sounding
thine honour, and setting forth of thy m^a
glorious praise: Let thy holy Spirit,
Lord, come unto me; let it continue wⁱ
me, work, and prevail effectually in wⁱch
unto the end; that I may both at this tⁱme
begin, and for evermore continue as the glo-
willest I should, namely in faith; that I f^ever
not into any temptation, in hope that I m^a
constantly look for, & faithfully att^{en}de
unto perfect understanding of thy will, and un-
ableness in all things to fulfil the same; m^a
me also, good Lord, fervent in love, th^e
I may freely and unfeignedly, even fro^m
my very heart, forgive and forget all inj^{ur}ies
wrongs, and evil doings, of such and such
by any means have offended me wⁱth heart W

praye

u w prayer for their amendment , that I ap-
y en proaching unto the Throne of thy mercy ,
ma in a pure and single heart , may heartily ,
ny s as well for all others , as for my self , for
at a things necessary both for my soul & body ,
smo make my humble petitions unto thee , and
whi in thy good time , tast that most sweet fruit
, a of my humble desires , according unto thy
al a will ; so shall I shew forth thy praise , and
ling give glory to thy Name for ever and ever ,
oun world without end. Amen.

A Prayer for victory against sin.

O Lord , there is no victory without
fighting , nor any crown without
in a victory ; give me therefore power O Lord ,
s tis that fighting valiantly , I may be crowned
s the gloriously in heaven with thee to live for
t If ever : minister strength unto me , that I
I may over-master mine enemies ; and give
att me the spirit of patience , that continuing
, a unto the end , I may be found and taken as
ma a faithful Soldier of thy Son Jesus Christ ,
, th & so be blessed : let me not faint in fear ,
fron but let me fight in a lively faith , which over-
inj Hatcheth all the whole world ; plant me a
uch a natural branch by the power of thy holy
ear Word in the Vine Jesus , and make me able
n aye

to endure every crack : let no canker of eat me ; let no worm of a guilty conscience gnaw me , let no blast of the world overcome me; but stay me up with thy might hand , & be ever at my elbow , that I may be crowned though I be crossed ; and save though now souled in extream misery ; this is all my hope : for surely of myself I am but a vapour , a worm ; I am born a woman in sin , a sinful child by nature and to my power wage battel with Satan againts my self , to my utter undoing , Lord , unless thou regenerate me , and renew me with thy Spirit , alwayes to relist him which do , O gracious God , I beseech thee for thy great mercy , to whom be all power and glory for ever. Amen.

A Prayer to be mindful of death.

O God , in whose hands consisteth the life of all mankind , for thy Son Christ's sake , vouchsafe to give me grace set before mine eyes , as a most certain mark , whereto this frail body of mine may tend it self , the Image of that which is the faithfull the end of pain , and the beginning of pleasure ; the end of misery , and the beginning of bliss : but to the second

and careles , the end of their pleasures ,
and beginning of eternal pains. And
vouchsafe , good Lord , that I may have
an earnest desire of serving thee , and lead-
ing my life according unto thy will , that
whensoever it shall please thee to call me out
of this life , I be not through fear stricken
with doubt of condemnation , but even at
the last gasp , through unfeigned faith in
Jesus Christ , may take and have taste of
eternall salvation , that death be not bitter
or terrible unto me ; but rather when it
cometh , I may with joy receive the same in
the Name of thy Son *Jesus Christ*. Bless me ,
good Lord , from the second death , the
everlasting destruction both of body & soul ,
and justifie me in the death of thy Son , that
my Name may be registered in the Book of
Life. O Lord comfort my guilty consci-
ence with the everlasting light of thy bounti-
ful favour , and let me have place among thy
Saints in thy heavenly Kingdom. Lord ,
for thy mercies sake , after this my bodily
death , give me the fruition of thy presence ,
in the rich Palace of endless bliss : to whose
merciful protection I commend , with all hu-
mility and reverence , my soul and body.
Lord Jesus preserve me , Lord Jesus com-
fort me , Lord Jesus pray for me ; for only
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into thy hands that hast redeemed me, Lord thou God of truth, I commend my soul both now and for ever. Amen.

*A Prayer for a happy departure out
of this life.*

O Most gracious and eternal God, thy years endure throughout all generations, and thy days are without end or beginning, but the dayes of man are determined, which he cannot overpass, and the number of his months are foreknown unto thee : wherefore instruct me, O Lord, that being always mindful of my mortality, I never promise unto my self many years nor long life in this pilgrimage of mine, and shall I not live securely, deferring my conversion to thee from day to day ; nor put confidence in this frail and uncertain life as that rich man spoken of in the Gospel, but give me grace, that in thy fear I may dayly prepare my self to depart out of this prison ; for nothing is more certain than death, though nothing more uncertain than the hour thereof : therefore I beseeche thee O Lord, to let me have always before mine eyes an image and meditation of my departure, the better to know the fleeting

me, and vanity of this frail & cumbersome life ;
and that I may live to thee my God , being
bound in faith , & strong in hope , looking
with cheerfulness for the day of my depar-
ture , and the joyful appearing of thy Son
Jesus Christ my Redeemer ; & make me ,
 beseech thee , O Lord , a faithful and wise
servant , looking for the coming of my
great Lord , for that I know not when he will
or come , lest by a sudden hour of death be-
ing over-took , I be found unready ; but
contrariwise , by prudent watching in true
conversion and repentance , I may covet to
be dissolved , & to be with Christ my Re-
deemer ; and grant also , O Lord , that at
yeare point of death , having escaped all
sorrows and temptations , I may triumph
like a Conqueror , and behold the power
and presence of thy holy Spirit ; and let my
last words be that which thy Son did utter
Gosp upon the Altar of the Cross , saying , Fa-
ther into thy hands I commend my spirit ;
when my speech is taken from me , hear
in the God , the groanings of my heart ; and the
hour of death being come , let thy servant
depart in peace , through Jesus Christ my
Lord and Saviour ; to whom be all praise
of mind glory , for ever and ever . Amen .

A Petition to God the Father.

O Omnipotent God & Father, I have
asked here at this time many things
thee, and yet not deserved any ; I confess
alas, that not only those things which I require
be not due unto me, but instead
them most grievous punishments ; yet
Lord, lay not my sins to my charge, for
thou shouldest, I were not able to abide
stand in thy sight ; but O Lord, I humbly beseech thee, that thou wilt forgive
me all that is past ; and grant that I may never hereafter offend in the same again : wherefore
I beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to direct, sanctifie, and keep
my heart and body, my senses & doings, in
talk and communication, in thy most blessed
Laws and Commandments ; and that a holy Angel may be with me, to direct
me into the way of peace, truth and health,
that I may be whole, safe, and free in the world
and by thee, both here and in the world to come. O Christ hear me, and save me, who
livest and reignest with the Father & self,
the holy Spirit ; God in perfect unity ; whom be praise for ever, world without end. Amen.

An Evening Prayer.

O Heavenly Father, I with all humility
and reverence of heart and mind, be-
consech thee this night, which thou hast or-
I obtained for man to rest in, that thou wilt
lead guard and protect me with thy good guid-
yet ng Spirit; and albeit my sinful flesh shall
for slumber and sleep, yet grant that my soul
may continually keep watch & ward; let
the enemy find me slumbering and sleep-
forging, as careless in the cradle of sinful secu-
rity, lest that whilst I am unarmed, that
naked and destitute of thy help and fa-
vour, he enter in and break up the house
of my sinful body; and make such havock
and spoil, that my infected and leprous
soul, deformed by means of mine iniquity,
wounded with the dangerous darts of
transgression, be thrown with the body of
me, unto the lake of destruction; make me
in the still, O good Lord, to consider that the
world bed is a plain patern of the grave; make me
to understand, that when I am laid of my
self, without thy heavenly providence, I
cannot be able to rise again; make me also
to acknowledge that sleep is the very figure
of death, to whose stroke, at thy appoint-

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ed pleasure I must submit my self ; end
me with love and charity to all men ; let
lamp , O Lord , be garnished with oil
that whensoever thy messenger death shal
draw night , & knock at the gate of my
body , I may at his summons in the day
the resurrection of the dead , be ready
attend on thee my Bride , with my burning
lamp ; that is , with a stedfast faith , wh
as by faith I shall be cloathed with a new
for my mortal body shall be then cover
with immortality , and the corruption of
sinful and rebellious flesh the changed to
corruption and perfect purity : thy rig
ousness shall be mine , thy merits shall
make me perfect and holy , by virtue whereof A
hell shall lose his victory , death shall have
his sting , my faith and hope shall have
end and reward ; and I with thy Saint I
continually dwell in love and charity with
thee and my heavenly Bridegroom Christ
Jesus ; to whom with the Father , and the Holy-Ghost , be ascribed all power and
glory , for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayers for Thursday Morning.

O Lord my God and Father, blessed be thy Name for ever. Dispose my heart, open my lips, and give me thy Holy Spirit, &c.

A Psalm.

S Ave me O God, for thy Names sake, & avenge me in thy strength.

Hear my prayer O God, and hearken to the words of my mouth.

An offering of a free heart will I give thee, praise thy Name O Lord, because it is so comfortable.

I will praise God, because of his word; have put my trust in God; and will not fear what flesh can do unto me.

In Gods word will I rejoice, in the words word will I comfort me.

For thou hast delivered my soul from death, and my feet from falling, that I might walk before thee in the light of the morning.

Therefore will I call unto the most high God,

God, even unto the God that shall perform
the cause which I have in hand.

He shall send from Heaven, and save
from the reproof of him that would eat
up.

He verily is my strength and my salvation,
on, he is my defence, so that I shall not
greatly fall.

For the greatness of his mercy reaches
to the heavens, and his truth unto the
clouds.

Wherefore my soul thirsteth for him, as so
flesh also longeth after him, in a dry and
barren land where no water is.

Thus have I looked for thee in holiness,
that I might behold thy power and glory.

For thy loving kindness is better than mercy
life it self, my lips shall praise thee.

My soul shall be satisfied even as it were
with marrow and fatness, when my mouth
shall praise thee with joyful lips.

Because thou hast been mine helper
therefore under the shadow of thy wings
will I rejoice. Glory, &c.

A Morning Prayer.

O Heavenly Father, which like a diligent Watchman attendest always upon thy children, whether they wake or sleep, and mightily defendest them, not only from Satan that old enemy of mankind, but also from all other their adversaries; so that through thy godly power, they be harmles preserved: I most humbly thank thee, that it hath pleased thy goodness so to take care of me thy unprofitable servant this night past; that thou hast both safely kept me from all mine enemies, & given me sweet sleep unto the comfort of my body. I most entirely beseech thee mercifull Father, to shew the like goodness towards me this day, in preserving my body and soul, that mine enemies may have no power over me, and that so likewise I may neither breath, speak, or do any thing that may be displeasing to thy wetherly goodness, dangerous to my soul, hurtfull to my neighbour; but that all my enterprises may be agreeable to thy most blessed will, which is always good & godly, doing that that may always advance thy glory, and answer to my vocation; that whensoever thou shall call me from this vale of

of misery, I may be found the child not in the darkness, but of light, and so for ever reign with thee in glory, who art the true and everlasting Light; to whom with thy Son and the holy Ghost, be all power and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*A Prayer for true sorrow of heart
for sin.*

O Most merciful God and dear Father, vouchsafe I beseech thee to look down with thy fatherly eyes of pity upon me a poor, vile and wretched sinner, which lie here prostrate in heart before the feet of the Father of bottomless mercy; for I have sinn'd against the throne of thy glory, and before the Ghost O Father; yet nevertheless, forasmuch as thou art the God of all comfort, & as I have desirest not the death of a sinner, make me now I pray thee, by infusing thy precious oil of comfort into my wounds, that I may joyfully run with the lost son into the lap of thy pity; for thou art my hope and desire in whom I repose my self, having in thyself, a full confidence in faith; yea, and I a wretched sinner, do here accuse my self before thee O Father, in that I have so sorely grievously offended thy Almighty goodness.

not in the committing of so many grievous and
ever manifold offences; I have not kept the least
one of thy most holy Commandments, like as
thy righteousness may require the same of
me; but in what manner soever I have
offended against thy eternal Majesty, whether it hath been by day or by night, se-
cretly or openly, O my merciful God, I
am sorfy for it, even from the bottom of my
heart, yea my soul mourneth that I am not
at thousand times more sorrier than I am:
I stand here in token of true repentance, I do
embrace and stike my heart, and say in
the bitterness of my heart and soul; Lord God
of the Father, have mercy; Lord God the
agion, have mercy; Lord God the Holy
Ghost, have mercy, and spare me of thy
infinite goodness now & for ever, and let me
have part of thy abundant grace, so as I
may change my sinfull life, & put off the
old man with all concupiscence, and that I
may die unto the world, & the world to
lapse: give my soul grace, O my God, to
desire in thee only to rejoice and repose my
self, and that I may utterly renounce and
 forsake the vain assistance of this world, so
that thou mayst find me ready with the good
present in the midnight of death, which
od shall suddenly steal upon me, like a theif,

ere I be aware : wherefore be thou to me
at that time (O Lord) a tower of strength,
a place of refuge , and a defensible God
namely , against the face of the Devil , who
then will be ready to devour me , and who
against desperation , which then will be ready
to grieve me : let then thy comfort cleanse
fast to me , thy mercy keep me , and thy
grace guide me ; fetch then again , Lord
God the Father , that which thy puissant
might hath shapen ; fetch then again , Lord
God the Son , that which thou hast so wisely
governed , and bought with thy precious
bloud ; take again , thou Lord God the
Holy Ghost , that which thou hast kept and
preserved so lovingly in this region of sin
and vyle of misery , three Persons and one
God ; to whom be all glory and power
for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer for Wisdom.

O Almighty and everlasting God , it is
thy gift , that babes and men of baser
degree have the knowledge and understand-
ing of thy will , and men of profound
learning , deep study , and wordly appa-
rance often want the same. It is thou who
expellest darkness , and givest light ; who
takest

takest away ignorance, and plantest knowledge and wisdom, denying the same to none that unfeignedly ask it at thy hands; without the which nothing can be obtained which good is, nor nothing avoided with the evil: and that did *Solomon* very well consider, who had a promise at thy hands, that whatsoever he asked he should obtain: Lo, that pouchsafe therefore, O Lord, to send it down from heaven, where it attendeth about thy fear, and replenish my heart with the knowledge of it, that I may perfectly know what thy divine will and pleasure is in all things, and that I may alwayes direct my wayes by rule thereof, loving thee, and above all things, continuing most thankfull for all thy fatherly benefits bestowed & conferred upon me, and that prosperity overcome not, nor in adversity be foolishly moved to seek remedy elsewhere than at thy hands only, who art my God, and who hast promised to give wisdom to all them that unfeignedly ask it: O Lord hear my prayer, & let my cry come unto thee; give perfect wisdom, whereby I may truly discern the difference between the heavenly revelation, which is wisdom from above, and vain cogitations of worldly takeits, considering that the one in all things,

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but governing my self according to the
will , and measuring all my actions , wor
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glorious Kingdom, which thy Son Jesus Christ hath purchased with his blood for all true Believers in him; to whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost be all glory forever. Amen.

A Prayer for the true Worship of God.

O Most gracious God and loving Father, establish my heart and mind in the true Worship of thy divine Majesty; Make me to believe thy holy and sacred Gospel, wherein I am daily & hourly instructed, to love, fear, honour and obey thee; to renounce all superstitious ceremonies whereby thy Worship is defaced, thy Glory profaned, and thine Honour greatly diminished; give me thy grace to hate sin and iniquity, and to renounce & forsake the vanities and wanton pleasures of this wicked and sinfull world: arm me, I beseech thee, to mortifie and bring under the rebellious appetites and strange lusts of the flesh; and finally, give me power from above, to withstand Satan the prince of darkness, and all his damnable ministers, who by divers temptations provokes and allures us from godly purity, and perfect integrity which passeth only from Christ Jesus to

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set purpose contemned : make me, O Lord
I beseech thee, by the power of a true
full faith, to relist and bridle the co
cupiscence of my flesh, in such sort th
my soul may triumph with victory, a
continue constant in worshipping thee : pr
pare my heart and minds, to spread for
the glory of thy Name; keep my tongue
from all filthy talk and uncomly gesture
lest by the exercises of sin, I contem
Worship, and provoke thee to displeas
against me ; set thou a watch before
gates of my mouth, that my lips by grace ha
may be alwayes made open to sound for nothi
thy praise : be mercifull to mine offences
think thou not on mine unrighteousnes
but of thy clemency forgive thou freely
and pardon graciously all my sins ; ma
me faithfull in Christ Jesus, shorten the
dangerous dayes of iniquity, increase the
number of thy chosen & peculiar Saints
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ship thee in thy glorious Kingdom; before
thy Father, my God, & the Holy-Ghost;
to whom be praise and glory for ever.
Amen.

A Prayer for Charity.

O Infinite Charity, thou Son of God,
to whom the Father hath surrendered
all power in heaven and earth: I have of-
fended thee, and endangered my soul des-
perately: for Charity, O Charity! thou
shalt judge the world in equity, and I have
Charity abiding within me: I love for
mine enemies, I hate mine enemies, I pray not for
them that curse me, and speak evil of me:
I have of thy benefits, and yet I spare
nothing for them that have need: O eter-
nal Charity, I have hereby incurred the
peril of thy just judgment: Whereof, O
heavenly Charity have mercy upon me,
and quit me from a replying conscience,
the court of the Devil; for else will
mine own life reclaim against me, and crave
damnation of my uncharitable conversion:
O Lord my sweet Saviour, I beseech thee
for thy bloody sweat, in the bottomless pit
of thy mercy to drown all my transgressions:
adopt me thy Brother, and give me

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thy holy Spirits testimony as a gage an
earnest of mine adoption and election
that being free from sin, I may serve thee
with a free conscience, in hope of an un-
wavering faith in his mercy. Amen.

*A Prayer for the feeling of Gods
favour and grace.*

O My Lord God, & dear Father,
here crave thy assistance and grace
that feel all things to work in me contrary
to thy will : for blind is my mind, crooke
is my will, and perverse concupiscence is
me as a spring and stinking puddle : faint
my faith, my sinful life increaling, and
sins still abounding, so as from offending
thee O Lord, I cannot cease neither day nor
night, and my sins are heavy upon me
pressing me down even unto hell, such is
the weight thereof ; moreover when
I prepare my self to amendment of life, and
think stedfastly to serve & please thee, even
soon after doth my corrupt nature offend
and displease thy divine Majesty ; so that I
am prone and ready to run headlong into
a' kind of sin and wickedness : such is my
strength, such is my force and weakness in
performing those things which thou requirest

at my hands ; by reason whereof I
moved to doubt of thy goodness towards
me, unless thou of thy mercy and pity
send thine aid from above, & pour into me
thy most healthful grace, that I may most
assuredly and faithfully trust in the merits of
my Saviour *Jesus Christ*, which is of farr
greater force, vertue and effect, in preser-
ving me, than all my sins and offences are in
condemning and casting me away : where-
fore O Father , as thou requirest thus
strictly that I should believe without doubt-
ing ; so wouldst thou in all my needs I
should come unto thee as a father , & make
my moan without mistrust of being heard
in thy good time, as most shall make for
thy glory and my comfort : Lo therefore,
to thee dear Father do I come, in thy Son
Jesus Christ, praying thee of thy great
mercy and goodnes, to be mercifull unto
me, that I may love thee with all my heart
for ever ; that my works may be ever found
holy in thy sight , and that I may alwayes
not only strive against sin, but also overcome
the same daily more and more, as thy chil-
dren do , and above all things desire the
sanctifying of thy Name, the coming of
thy Kingdom , the doing of thy Will here
on earth, as it is in heaven ; and that only

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*Prayers for
through my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
to whom be all honour and glory, for ever
and ever. Amen.*

*A Prayer to God to bless our
endeavours.*

O My celestial Father, be favourable unto me thy repentant servant, from mine enemies to thy help and succour. Impute not my sins to me, for Christs sake for I have heard thy fatherly voice, and soundeth daily in mine ears out of Heaven promising me, and affirming constantly thyself to be appeased with me for thy Son sake, whom thou commandest me to have and believe, who is made of thee my righteousness, my salvation, my peace, mediator and intercessor, my fulfiller of the Law, my deliverer, and my whole accomplishment of all my just desires, and my Saviour Christ Jesus, God and man; in whose Name at this time I attempt and take in hand all my just doings, according to my calling desiring thy gracious goodness, O Lord God & Father, to prosper it, further it and give it happy increase, that whatsoever I take in hand, justly to finish the same. O holy Father, bless all my endeavours with

thy blessed increase, and let me not seek mine own will, but ever to pray that thy will be fulfilled; and let me not be led into temptation, but deliver me from all evil, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer to live uprightly in our Calling.

O God of all comfort, and giver of all consolation, forgive my sins, cleanse and wash me from all iniquities which disable me to perform my calling in such sort as becometh me: and through the blood of thy Son, purifie my heart and my imperfections, and sanctifie me with thy grace, that my sins being forgiven, I may rest in thy favour and continual comfort, and be daily blessed with new gifts; that I may be found perfect in my calling, seasoned so with a lively faith in thee, that thy holy Spirit may continually dwell and bear rule in me, and lead me to the due performance of those things which thou requirest to be done in my calling; that all unnatural affection being truely mortified, I may only rest in thee, and rely on thee, and be ruled by thee in all things: Good Father, grant that I may take the direct and right course in my vocation.

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truth, revealed by thy Son, & is left unto Son
us in his Word and last Will, in which his
last Will and Testament are comprehended
all necessary rules, and the sacred discipline
whereby thy children are to guide themsel
ves in their several callings; which directi
ons are comprehended in three principal
virtues by thee bestowed on them that seek
them at thy hands in the Name of thy Son;
as Faith, Hope & Love; which three are
so united and knit together in one, in thine
elect children, that they through thy grace
go not awry in their calling: I therefore
dear Father, being of my self ignorant,
and of mine own power unable to compre
hend the hight of my calling, instantly
beseech thee in mercy to behold me an un
perfect creature, without these virtues,
and so adorn me with them, that I may be
made perfect in all good works of the Spirit,
that my labors & endeavours be not in vain
in thee: & grant that I may joyn, with all
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kindnes with brotherly kindnes; & with brotherly kindnes, that I be not unfruitful in my calling, but may acknowledg thy Son Jesus Christ, and in him have peace of conscience, that I may be patient in troubles, long-suffering in wrongs, faithful in expecting hope in distress, rejoicing in heart, quieted in mind, in hope to enjoy at thy hands, & in thy good time whatsoever maketh for the true comfort of my soul, and the relief of my body; that in all true & inward feeling of thine aid, my calling may be made perfect, and sealed with the seal of thine own spiritual probation; so shall I thy unworthy servant be directed in the true knowledge of thee. O blessed Lord, and loving Father, except thou thus direct me, I cannot stand, but shall fall into many miseries: for no estate, no degree, no calling, office, function, or trade of life can prosper, or be rightly performed without thy continual aid, direction and providence: therefore good Lord guide me by thy Spirit, increase my faith, give me wisdom and ableness in all things, to execute my calling as I ought: and to the execution thereof, bless all my members, make them apt and ready instruments to perform their duties, that in no point

point I fail in a Christian proceeding therein : and bridle in me the nature of flesh and bloud ; which, unless thou season my affections by thy Spirit , will so much add more glory , by how much that thou hast exalted me , and enabled me to live in the world in higher reputation than other men whereunto flesh and bloud is ready to attribute chiefest hearts ease , and by that subtle shift Satan many times moveth us to rest upon vain things . Wherefore , good Father , vouchsafe , I beseech thee , to ground all my affections upon thy fear , that I may not miscarried in my calling from the true obedience of thee ; without which , neither honour , profit , wealth , wisdom , or any other blessing of thine can stand , relieve & comfort me : be present therefore , dear Father , with me , & grant that all thing that I take in hand , may begin in knowledge proceed in fear , and end in love , that the whole course of my life may be blessed with good effect in all mine enterprises , that neither mine enemies rejoice at my miseries the godly be offended at my rashness , nor my estate hindred by my foolishness : grant this , good Lord , for thy dear Son sake Jesus Christ ; to whom be all honour and glory for ever . Amen .

Prayers for Thursday Night.

O Lord my God and Father, blessed be thy Name for ever. Dispose my heart, open my lips, &c.

A Psalm.

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous, yea, our God is Merciful. The Lord preserveth the simple; I was in misery, and he helped me.

Turn thou again unto my rest, O my soul, for the Lord hath rewarded thee.

And why? thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

What reward shall I give unto the Lord, for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?

I will offer unto him the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and call upon his Name.

For why? the Lord is on my side, therefore I will not fear what man can do unto me.

The Lord taketh my part with them that help

help me, Therefore shall I see my ~~comm~~
upon mine enemies.

It is better to trust in the Lord, than
put any confidence in man : it is better
trust in the Lord, than to put any confide
ce in Princes.

The Lord is my strength and my ~~song~~
and is become my salvation.

The right hand of the Lord hath the
preeminence, the right hand of the Lord
bringeth mighty things to pass.

I will not dye but live, and declare the
works of the Lord.

The Lord hath chastened and corrected
me, but he hath not given me over to
death.

Thou art my God, and I will thank thee,
thou art my God, and I will praise thee.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for he is
gracious, and his mercy endureth for ever.
Glory be to the Father, &c.

A devout Prayer to God the Father.

O Most blessed Lord, and loving Fa
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at thy hands mercy and grace, who am
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commandments, by the keeping of which we are known to be thy true servants, and by nothing else. O most merciful Lord God, I acknowledge my self daily to break the same : but where I have thus offended, I humbly ask of thee mercy and forgiveness; and Lord, for the true performance of the same, I humbly ask of thee strength to make me stand strong in faith, knowledg to work thy blessed will, the power to resist all errore and wicked imagination, thy wisdom to know the truth ; for I confess and know O Lord, that all worldly wit, policy, knowledge and strength is but foolishnesse in thy sight. Therefore I ask and continua'lly crave, O Lord, that thy holy Spirit may guide all the imaginations, thoughts, and desires of my heart, so that it may be my spiritual heart, and not my fleshly heart : for the most perfect among the children of men, lacking the wisdom, shall not be regarded ; for the thoughts of mortal men are miserable, and our forecastings are uncertain : and why this corruptible body is so heavy to my soul that it keepeth down my understanding, that it museth most on vain things ; wherefore good Lord beseech thee, comfort my sick foul, that it may walk in thy wayes, and work thy will ;

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of my heart , and the desires of the same truth
and how I would walk in thy truth , and our li
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cording to thy mercifull calling , that I may stand
be stedfast in the true faith , and that I may dire
never swerve from the holy & most blessed Ordinances
Ordinances of the Church ; but that I may throu
use them , receive them , and honour them with
in them , according to thy most holy will Glory
as in things which thou hast left to declare
thy love unto us , and to assure our hope
and exercise our faith , that it should not be
idle or wavering ; for all things are possible
unto thee , though they seem never so im
possible unto us . O most loving Father ,
know that by my sins I am not worthy to see ,
blessed comfort and help , in this trou
some time of temptation , and trying to shoulde
our faith ; for that I am as one loden with power
ignorance , not knowing the height of the best
high mysteries , nor the deceitfulness of the
subtil arguments of my ghostly enemy begun
which daily doth assault my sinful soul mercy
that I can find no rest : therefore O Lord of my
like as thou knowest my will and heart and in
desire is to serve thee , and live and die in give
thy perfect faith : so I beseech thee never to yeil
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cre suffer the subtil perswasions contrary to thy
ame truth, to take place or root in my heart;
and as thou hast created my heart, and
given me a will to order the same, so Lord
all al most meekly yeild the same again into thy
hands, desiring thee by thy holy Spirit so
to direct my wayes, that they may be ac-
ceptable in thy sight, now and for ever,
through Jesus Christ my Saviour; to whom
with the holy Ghost, be all honour and
Glory for ever. Amen.

*A Prayer to obtain the true love of
God.*

O Lord my God; teach me thy humble
servant, teach my heart, I beseech
thee, with what reverence it should think
of thee; tell my soul with what delight it
should love thee: give my tongue some
power to pour forth praises unto thee; cor-
rect my weakness, recreate my hope,
direct my desires, finish the work thou hast
begun, and bring me to the fulness of thy
mercy. O Lord my God, I bow the neck
of my soul under the feet of thy Majesty,
and in the lowest degree of reverence, do
give thee most humble and hearty thanks.
yeild thee praises, O Lord, although
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base and bare , far unanswerable to thy de-
serts ; yet something my weakness is bound
to perform , namely , to settle my mind
behold and love thee . O that my heart
so languish with thy love , that it might bear
the moisture of my body into tears ! O that
the bowels of my soul were so inflamed
with thy love that it might consume
drossie desires , dry up the very marrow
my bones ! O that I were sick for the loves
of him who died for the love of me ! Lord
although I be not worthy so to love thee , a-
yet art thou much more to be loved than
can express ; therefore do not so deny me ;
of that whereof I acknowledge my selfe
worthy , that thy selfe be deprived of
thou art most worthy : and grant , O Lord
I beseech thee , for thy mercies sake , to
soul , that it may love thee as thou hast
served , that I may be worthy to give thee ,
which thou art worthy to receive ; so shall
I then be worthy of that whereof now I am
most unworthy : O most dear Lord , If
in my heart a weak warmness of thy love
but my prayer is , that the coals were
throughly kindled with desire , and blow
with delight into a full flame : O sacred fire
how comfortably dost thou burn ? O be-
venly light , how sweetly dost thou shine
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how desirous are they more and more to
ind burn whom thou dost inflame ? how are
they delighted whom thou dost enlighten ?
O my God , hear O light of mine eyes ,
Increase my desire , and grant my request ,
stop not thine ears against me because of my
sins, endue my soul with thy love , sub-
due my flesh with thy fear , that I may al-
ways think of thee jointly both with trem-
bling and trust : settle the love of thee in
thee , and the care of me in thee ; let my
prayer come unto thee , and thy mercy unto
me ; let the joy of thy happiness remain
with me , and the compassion of my miseries
with thee , let my heart love thee , let my
fear thee , & let my whole substance
in this world joy wholly in thee , that I may
enjoy thee wholly in the world to come , by
thee , O Christ , who art my Saviour and
Deliverer ; to whom belongeth all power
and glory , for ever and ever. Amen.

*A Prayer in heart to feel spiritual
Comforts.*

O Lord God and most dear Father ,
now I fully know the heart of man is
not in his own power ; for thou hast taught
me by the diminishing thy Spirit of comfort
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in my heart ; that it is thou only who makest joyful the heart of man ; and who diminishest the same joy according to thy good pleasure and will : Therefore O dear Father , I beseech thee to send me thy blessed comfort , and strength of spirit into my heart , to fill the same with spiritual joy ; and that by the working of thy holy Spirit in me , the comfortable promises of thy merciful protection may be sealed in my heart , and sink deep into my soul , that I may be fully assured that thou art my strong rock and house of defence , thou dost keep me as the apple of thine eye and that thou wilt not lay more upon me than thou wilt give me strength to abide : but that thou wilt assuredly at thy appointed time , renew my heart , and the whole power , of my mind , that I may fully glorifie thy Name . Thy holy Spirit , Lord , in me (which is the assurance of salvation) doth continually send forth unspeakable sighs and longings for thy presence : I beseech thee therefore , O dear Father , for thy Son Jesus sake , hearken to my prayers , and grant my requests : make tender my hard stony heart by thy holy Spirit , that I may from the bottom of my heart acknowledg

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embrace the same, & in my soul to take
comfort and joy of the same, that I may
even to my lives end walk before thee in sin-
finiteness of heart, being assured of my sal-
vation, through that one alone sacrifice for
my sins, made by thy dear Son *Jesus Christ*;
whom with thee and the holy Ghost be all
honour and glory for ever. Amen.

A fruitful Petition to God.

O Lord God of infinite wisedome ;
inspire my heart , and direct my
oice, that I may not think nor utter any
thing before thy Majesty, but that which
you knowest to be expedient for me to ask,
and glorious for thee to give. Turn not my
prayer , good Lord , into perdition , nor
my suit into sin ; for thou art the God of my
thers , on whom I wholly depend ; save
me for thy mercies sake ; O save me as I
have alwayes put my trust in thee ; and
through the perversness and foward
inclination of my nature , I fall into any
wickedness and sin , leave me not , good
Lord , unto them ; acquit me from the
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inordinate lust of the body ; let no defilement of uncleanness take hold upon me , a heathen give me not over to an unshamefast and obstinate mind. Lord here I stand, vile wretch before the throne of thy dreadfull presence, hoping that I shall be heard, not in the faintness of my faith , but in the power of my promises. Oh weigh my weakness, grant my desires , as thou knowest best meet for me ; then can I want nothing, my conscience shall be comforted with spiritual consolation in Jesus Christ ; whom with thee , O Father , and the Holy Spirit , be ascribed all power and glory for ever. Amen.

A Prayer to be ingrafted into Christ.

O Lord , it is of mercy without me that I am a branch of the Vine *Iesu* that I am the House and Temple of the *Holy Ghost* : It is of justice that thou hast appointed thy House to be a place of prayer and of duty , therefore that we should present unto thee ; For this, O Lord, I thank thee that thou hast made me thy childe , to love me; and I acknowledge , that of duty I am bound to serve thee ; but give me O Lord the grace of thy Spirit to conduct me in

way of thy will : cleanse or create a new heart within me , that I may be a fit lodging for thee , and yield up the savoury sacrifice unto thee , which thou requirest of every Christian ; I mean the sacrifice of prayer , the sacrifice of the heart , which favoureth sweetly unto thee . And at this time , in hope of the assistance of thy holy Spirit , I desire thee , that as thou hast of mercy covered me under thy wings of safety ; so thou wilt defend and keep me from all the storming rages of Satan , who is wont not only by day , but also , and that especially , by night , to undermine man when his senses are fettered in bands of rest ; but I hope , O good Lord , that as I am then most unable , & at all times else to withstand the buffets and assaults of Satan , so thou wilt be most ready to succour me ; and partly , because thereby thou shalt unlock the riches of thine infinite mercy and pitty , and partly , because thou lovest every thing which thy hands have made . For which , and for all other thy blessings , I yield thee all honour , power & glory , which is due only to thy blessed Majesty , for ever , world without end . Amen .

A Prayer against evil imaginations.

O Lord cleanse my heart I do beseech thee from all impure & wicked cogitations & thoughts ; give me a clear conscience , shame-fac'd eyes , modest hands , a tongue to tell the truth : and , seeing there is nothing hid that shall not be discovered , good Lord I beseech thee to search my thoughts , and renew in me thy holy Spirit ; direct my feet in thy wayes , the walking after thee in the path of the righteous , I may pass through this vail of misery , bearing thy banner stoutly in warfare , and in the end obtain everlasting joy , the promise hire of such as have borne thy Cross , and valiantly fought with the armour of faith against temptations and evill ; vouchsafe O Lord to grant all the sake my supplications and petitions , for thy dearest Sons sake , Jesus Christ my Lord and Servient ; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost , be ascribed all power and glory for ever. Amen.

An Evening Prayer.

O Heavenly Father , the giver of all good things , & the protector of all those that love thee , I yield thee most humble and hearty thanks , not only for keeping and preserving me this day , but all my life ; that neither my enemies have prevailed against me as they sought , nor any other danger which in this world is incident unto mankind hath overcome me , but hast like a loving Father & careful purveyor , given & provided for me all things necessary ; for which thine inestimable love , I cannot sufficiently praise thee. O Lord forgive mine offences which this day I have committed and done against thy Almighty Majesty : and pardon them O God , for Jesus Christ his like , and vouchsafe me thy grace to amend my life , and to return unfainedly to the serving of thee ; And forasmuch as I cannot continue without thy continual protection , vouchsafe to extend the same unto me thy wretched creature this night , that I may quietly take my rest , which thou hast appointed for the refreshing of my wearied and weak body ; And further , I beseech thee O Lord , to guard & defend me , that

nothing hurt me ; keep me also good Lord
from sudden and unprovided death ,
preserve me by the watch of thy holy Angel ,
that I may take my rest this night below
thee untill the morning , and then give my self to the fulfilling of my duty , and the discharge of my vocation , and the doing thy will unto my lives end ; for which thy favor , I humbly beseech thee , and for all things else necessary for me , and for other whom thou hast commanded us to pray for ; and namely , for all such as are in any kind of affliction in body or mind , for the testimony of thy truth , that thou wilt strengthen them & thy whole Church in pure Religion ; and here , O Lord I beseech thee to embraceme with the arms of thy mercy ; vouchsafe to receive me into the bosom of thy love , shadow me with thy wings , that I may safely take my rest with thee this night , in the Name of thy Son Jesus Christ , in whose Name I referr God it wholly to thy loving protection , beseeching I call thee that when this life shall end , my long sleep being come , I may take my everlasting rest with thee in thy eternal Kingdom that I for the which Kingdom , I do heartily beseech thee of thine inestimable goodness . This both of my self and all other thy dear servants since I

Longing, that we may attain the same, for the glory of thy holy Name, and our endless comfort; through the merits of thy dearly beloved Son, our Lord and only Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Prayers for Friday Morning.

O Lord God and heavenly Father; blessed be thy Name for ever: Dispose my heart, open my lips, and give me thy holy Spirit, &c.

A Psalm.

MY soul truly waiteth still upon God, for of him cometh my salvation.

In God is my help and my glory, thee rock of my might, and in God is my trust.

I called upon him with my mouth, and gave him praise with my tongue.

For thou, O Lord God, art the thing I long for, thou art my hope even from my youth.

Through thee have I been holpen up even since I was born, thou art he that took me

out of my mothers womb, my praise shall be alwayes of thee.

Wherfore praised be God which hath not cast out *my* prayer, nor turned his mercy from me.

O let *my* mouth be filled with thy praise, that I may sing of thy glory and honour all the day long.

*C*ast me not away in time of age, forsake me not when my strength faileth me.

My mouth shall daily speak of thy righteousness and salvation, for I know no ~~evil~~ thereof.

I will go forth in the strength of the Lord of my God, and will make mention of thy righteousness only.

For thou, O God, hast taught me from ~~my~~ youth up until now, therefore will I ~~teach~~ of thy wondrous works.

Thy righteousness, O God, is very high, and great things are they that thou hast done, O God, who is like unto thee?

O what troubles and adversities hast thou shewed me, and yet didst thou turn and refresh me, yea, broughtest me from the depth of the earth again.

Therefore will I praise thee, & thy fulness, O God, which art the holy One of Israel.

that My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long, for there is no end thereof. Glory, &c.

A Morning Prayer.

O Lord, the glorious face of the Sun which sheweth it self, and casteth its rays over the whole world, I take it for argument and earnest peny of thy good will toward thy children, in the number of whom I account my self, though chief of sinners, & not worthy to loose the latchet of thy shooe; for if we enjoy such a benefit in this strange country together with thine enemies, then what joyous sights, what treasure of thy goodness shall we reap in our natural country, the blisful Land of Canaan where we shall not see this worldly Sun, ver but thee, even thee, good Lord, face to face, the Son of thy glory, and only Star of Majesty! Such joyes, O Lord, shall we have in the beholding of thee, as neither eye hath seen, no: ear hath heard, nor heart ever conceived: such joyes I say, as pass the reach, not only of man, but also faith of Angels, to esteem: blessed are the doorkeepers of this house of joy, where thou O Lord, the Son of righteousness, dost

most clearly spread forth the beams of the divine power. Oh how long shall I live in this prison, how long shall I journey in the body of sin? wherefore, O God of comfort, and Father of mercy, I do not doubt but that as I wander in this field of vanity so thou wilt recal me by the light of thy Gospel to thine house, there to dwell and reign for ever, Amen.

An humble Confession to Almighty God.

O Most mighty God and merciful Father, I present my self before thy Majesty, defiled with the filthiness of many and most grievous sins, whereof I do confess I am not able to answer thee one of a thousand if thou, O Lord, shouldest enter in judgement with me! for in sin was I born and therefore am guilty of original corruption, and in sin have I lived and continued and therefore stand guilty of actual transgression, which hath broken forth upon me in thought, word and deed, from time to time, continually, even unto this present hour: wherefore, I humbly crave thy mercy, and the grace of forgiveness in Jesus Christ: for therein I confess, O Lord, stande

standeth the only hope of my comfort and salvation : And forasmuch as it hath pleased thee to give thine own Son to be a slain sacrifice for our sins, and to offer the grace of reconciliation, by preaching the Gospel to all them that repent and believe the same : good Lord I beseech thee vouchsafe to make me of that blessed number ; work true repentance in my heart , increase my faith, and give me grace to bring forth the fruits thereof, that so it may appear that I have not received thy grace in vain : and for this purpose , good Lord I beseech thee bless the Ministers of thy Word : and give them grace to speak it as it ought to be spoken , and give thy people grace to hear it attentively , to believe it steadfastly , and to follow it obediently : that so serving thee faithfully in this life , we may live and reign with thee for ever in the life to come. Amen.

A Prayer for the increase of Faith.

O Almighty God , and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ : by thy Word we are taught to loveth thee , fear thee , and serve thee ; and in true godliness and sincerity of Jefse , is the only way and means to continue Lord thy love and favour towards us , without the which a

which we cannot but perish : and that belief
and confidence in thy Son Jesus Christ, is
the only means of our redemption and
atonement with thee, and the only hold of
our salvation, whereof we cannot be suffi-
ciently assured without thy special gift of
faith, which is the anchor whereto the cable
of our salvation is fastened ; which being
broken, the hope of our salvation cannot
but decay and be of none effect : vouchsafe
therefore, O most mercifull God, to plant
one spark of true faith in my heart ; and that
it may grow to such perfection, that I may
know thee, perfectly love thee, duely fear
thee, and unfeignedly acknowledge Jesus
Christ to be sent into this wretched world to
save us miserable sinners : O Lord grant me
to take such hold of his Death and Passion,
Resurrection and Ascension, that by his
Death I may have pardon, and by his Re-
surrection rise to righteousness, and by his
Ascension ascend with him to thy celestial
glory ; and finally attribute the cause and
means of my salvation to proceed only of
his Passion : increase this faith in me, good
Lord, daily more and more, that it may
grow by the working of thy holy Spirit to
full perfection, accompanied with good
works and godly behaviour, without the
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which I confess that faith cannot be : withhold not from me , good Lord, that singular gift of thine which is the stay of my happiness ; and the want thereof, a most certain token of my perdition ; no good thing is wanting to him on whom thou vouchsafest to bestow this gift ; to him all things are light , and in him remaineth no darkness at all : banish most sweet Lord therefore all misbelief, all wavering and doubting out of my heart , and plant instead thereof unfeigned faith , that applying the same to every affliction both of body and mind , I may vanquish and overcome Satan, withstand the delights of this world , and suppress the corruptible motions of the flesh , and enjoy at thy good pleasure health of body , and soundness of mind , and all things requisite for me. A most precious jewel is faith ; for thou hast said , that whosoever heareth the Word , and believeth in Jesus Christ whom thou hast sent , shall have everlasting life ; then on the contrary , he that believeth not , is in danger of everlasting death. O Lord increase my faith , wherein I may believe in that thy Son , and take hold of all his promises ; who said , that whosoever believeth in him shall want no manner of thing that is good , Lord I believe ,

believe, help my unbelief, and give me faith; yea, but as a grain of mustard-seed, and I shall be able to remove Satan out of his desired habitation, and to expel him and his ministers, and walk no longer according to the will of the flesh; but casting away the works of darkness, enjoy the pure light of the Gospel, and persevere and abide therein without fainting, in any tribulation or vexation of spirit, going forward in hope, in fear, in love, and unfeigned zeal towards thee, and obtain at thy merciful hands whatsoever is necessary in this life; and after this life ended, enjoy thy celestial inheritance; which grant me for thy Son Jesus Christ his sake, to whom be all honour, &c.

*A Prayer or Thanksgiving for the
Passion of Christ.*

O Lord Jesus Christ, God and man, we thank thee for that of thy only and free mercy, without any works or worthiness at all of ours, thou hast redeemed us miserable sinners, through thy most innocent and holy Passion: O sweet Jesus, how bitter and great were thy pains? how horrible and cruel thy punishment?

me how grievous and lamentable thine afflictions? how bloody thy wounds? thy dolours how divers? and thy death how shameful, and which thou suffered for us? O how inestimable was thy love , that moved thee to endure such and so great torments to reconcile us to thy Father ! in the Mount of Olives , through our infinite sins lighting upon thee , thou didst sweat (contrary to our nature) bloud , that the drops like bloud trickled upon the earth , and so after amarvellous manner bloud came out of thee, being expelled by the resolutions of the Spirits , nature being broken and languishing by reason of thine intolerable sorrows and torments : and thy Disciples being fled, thou wast , and also didst most voluntarily commit thy self into the hands of most cruel Jews , which brought thee most rigorously bound , without compassion , from the presence of one corrupt Judge unto another man , more cruel , where thou wast most unjustly condemned ; thy blessed body was so mangled , that even an Ethnick pitying the same , uttered these words ; *Behold the man!* Finally , for our enormous offences , thou wast afflicted with a most odious kind of death , and so in the extremity of pain thou didst give up the Ghost , commanding how the

the same unto thy Father in wonderful patience; that so by thy torments having quenched us from all guiltiness, as well of ~~such~~ as of punishment, we might be healed; ~~where~~ this end thou didst bear the burden of our sins upon the wood of the Cross, that thou mightest recover the peace of souls, and obtain the true righteousness for as many as believe in thee: wherefore, O Jesus Christ, thou Son of the living God, for these torments and all other thy passions, I will honour and praise thee for ever, beseeching ~~have~~ thee most humbly, that thy passions ~~may~~ work and take effect in me; and that always being mindful of the same, I may rejoice ~~most~~ therein, and make it a comfort for my self against all the temptations of Satan, and the fear of sin and the Law, and that thy ~~dear~~ Cross may be an example unto me; ~~that~~ walking in thy steps, I render not rebuke ~~the~~ but for rebuke may imitate thy long suffering, praying for such as persecute and annoy me; and finally, that I may so think upon, and celebrate the cause of thy death, that the consideration thereof may utterly extinguish all the flames of unlawful concupiscence, and bury the inticements of the flesh, and nourish the love of virtue within me; that so being wholly dead unto sin, I may

utive unto righteousness, and serve thee which
quarrest our sins in thy body upon the Cross,
which livest and reignest with God the Fa-
ther in the unity of the Holy-Ghost, one
on God for ever. Amen.

A Prayer for mercy for our offences.

O Lord I am a grievous sinner, I have
passed and broken the banks of thy
Commandments from the womb to this day;
I have with the Pyrate Satan, sailed in the
ship of iniquity, so that I may say with
Paul, *I am chief of all sinners*. This
most I needs confess to thee thou God of
sel-justice, and this worm of conscience biteth
and me; what then good Lord, shall the worm
devour me? shall this snake of conscience
thrusting me to death? What, good Lord, is
the stream of thy mercy stope? are the
rivers of thy grace dried up? dost thou
not call me, saying, Come unto me? Yea,
good Lord, and therefore despair I wil not,
death is not thy will that any sinner should
perish; and thou hast not only said it but sworn
it, that thou wilt not the death of a sinner,
but rather his conversion and life. Behold
me therefore dear Father, I come unto thee,
being a grievous offender, in hope of par-
don,

don, in the Name of thy Son, who by
own testimony came into this world to s
sinners : he was content to blot out that
bligation which Satan had against me,
the flood of his most precious bloud wh
issued out of his glorious side. In this p
he hath washed away the leprosie of s
were in never so desperate, O Lord a
gracious God, I have wasted my days
vanity, I have from time to time trodd
under my feet the pearls of Christian pr
fession; even from the womb have I been
rebellious traytor to thy Majesty, a frien
to this world, to godliness an enemy. B
now, O Lord I cry unto thee, forgive me
forgive me; Now I come unto thee, ther
fore cover me with the wings of thy mercy
that I perish not ; good Lord accept th
Sons merits, for a satisfaction for my sins
drown them in the stream of thy mercy
and cast them behind thee for ever, goo
Lord I beseech thee. Oh sweet Lord loo
upon me with thy most precious and pitio
eye, lest that be destroyed which thou o
thy great goodness hast made, and Christ
thy Son of inestimable love, and infinite
charity hath redeemed, through his bitter
passion, This is the total sum unto thee o
all my suit, O Lord, mercy, mercy, O thou

Father

Father of mercy ; mercy is the thing that I
beg, have mercy and pity upon me ; be
thou my Shepheard to defend me, my Castle
of defence to save me against the power of
the Devil : thou hast store of mercy for
them that ask it ; Therefore, O Lord, for
the wounds of thy dear Son have mercy up-
on me : let not sin sting me to death, but
say to my sore soul the salve of thy mercy :
grant this, O dear Father, of thy merciful
compassion ; to whom be all glory for ever,
and for ever, World without end. Amen.

A fruitful Prayer to God the Father.

O Lord my God, wherein is my hope
fixed in this life, or what is my great-
comfort of all things that are any where
under the cope of heaven, but only thou
my Lord and God, whose mercy is infinite ?
when was it with me well if thou wert ab-
sent, or ill if thou wert present ? doubtless,
I would rather chuse to be poor for thee,
than rich without thee, and rather to be
with thee a pilgrim on earth, than without
thee to possess Heaven : where thou art,
there is joy and peace of conscience ; where
thou art not, there is woe and destruction ;
thou alone art the thing I desire, and there
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is none can assist me in my troubles but man,
 thou alone O God : thou art my hope, ^{keep}
 thou art my confidence, thou art my company
 forter in all things most faithfully : all men by
 seek their own, but thou desirest nough ^{country}
 but my welfare, and turnest all things for Christ
 me to good, therefore in thee my Lord and ^{all honor}
 God, I place all my confidence, on thee ^{ever.} A
 do lay all calamities and troubles; for with-
 out thee whatsoever I behold, is as frail and
 transitory : For neither can friends profit,
 nor strong men help, nor wise men counsel
 well, nor learned books comfort, no
 riches save, nor secret place hide, unless
 thou be present to help, strengthen, com-
 fort, instruct and keep : for whatsoever
 seems to belong to the attainment of peace
 and felicity without thee, is nothing, and
 bringeth indeed no felicity at all; so that
 thou art the chiefest end and perfection of
 life, and that in thee to trust, above all
 things is the chiefest comfort of thy servant.
 O my God and Father of mercy, blesse, Mak-
 e my soul holy with celestial happiness, new
 that it may be thy sacred habitation and Ca-
 temple purged from all filthiness. O Lord ne-
 according to the greatness of thy mercy, O g-
 look upon me, and hear the supplication of
 thy poor servant, living far off a banished ^{sta-}
^{man}

ut man, in a savage country : Protect and
e keep the soul of thy servant, among so
m many dangers of this mortal life, and bring
ne by the conduction of thy favour into the
gh country of eternal glory, through Jesus
for Christ my Lord and Saviour; to whom be
and all honour, power and glory for ever and
ce lter. Amen.

Prayers for Friday Night.

O Lord my God and Father, blessed
be thy Name for ever. Dispose my
hart, open my lips, and give, &c.

A Psalm.

With my whole heart have I sought thee, O let me not go wrong out of thy commandments.

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence, and let not thy holy Spirit from me.

O give me the comfort of thy help again, establish me with thy free Spirit.

Establish thy word in thy servant, that I may

may fear thee, and turn away mine eyes comm
lest they behold vanity, and quicken thou
me in thy way.

So shall I always keep thy law, yea All
for ever and ever.

Yea at midnight I will rise to give thank
unto thee, because of thy righteous judg
men

O let thy merciful kindness be my com
fort, according to thy Word unto thy ser
vant

And let thy loving mercies come unto me
that I may live, for thy law is my delight.

My soul hath longed for thy salvation is; l
and I have a good hope because of th
Word.

O how sweet are thy words unto me
throat! yea, sweeter than honey unto my
mouth.

Through thy commandments I get un
derstanding, therefore I hate all wicked
wayes.

Order my steps in thy Word, so shall no
wickedness have dominion over me.

O let my soul live, and it shall praise thee, tha
and thy judgments shall help me. as st

I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost ave si
O seek thy servant, that I do not forget thine ing m

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commandments. Glory be to the Father,

A Prayer for the suppressing of corrupt affections.

My God and most loving Father, I do acknowledg that I have most highly offended thy sacred Majesty, by my sins and most filthy life, and have provoked thee to anger by my abominable wickedness: wherefore, O Lord be merciful unto me, and pardon me this great wickedness; look not upon me, good Father, with the eyes of Justice, neither do thou draw against me the sword of Judgement; then how shall I that am but dust and ashes stand in thy sight, when thy wrathfull indignation cometh forth as a whirlwind, thy heavy displeasure as a mighty tempest; seeing the earth trembleth, the depths discovered, and the very Heavens are taken when thou art angry? Exercise not therefore, good Lord, thy fury against me, that am but as chaff before the wind, as stubble against a flaming fire: Though I have sinned grievously in thy sight, presenting my wicked desires before thy holy commandments, esteeming the pleasure of

a moment before eternal and everlasting ca-
joies ; yet am I bold , O merciful Father , to
to prostrate my self before the Throne of thy
Majesty , heartily to beseech , and humbly
to intreat thee , that thou wilt not despise
with me according to my deserts ; for I have
none in heaven to fly unto but thee , nor
the earth of whom I may receive any com-
fort , but at thy fatherly hands , which I
stretched out day and night , to receive
that by earnest repentance turn unto the favour
and to refresh their distressed conscience which
wherefore , O Lord , in the multitude of thy
mercies I approach unto thee , desirous
thee to look down from the height of thy
sanctuary , upon me poor and wretched
sinner , and to wipe away mine offence any
and to blot out my misdeeds , especially those
those my ungracious , unclean , and ~~was my~~
godly acts , that they may not come up in
remembrance with thee , nor be imputed to
me for ever .

For thy Sons sake , O Lord , in whom I
thou art well pleased , and in whom thou
wast fully satisfied upon the Cross for my
sins , grant me free pardon and remission give
in that I have so foolishly , by my exceeding
frailty committed against thee ; but quickly the
thou me O Lord that art the fountain of

and call thou out of heaven thy dwelling
place, that my wandering soul may hear the
voice of her shepheard, and follow thee
wheresoever thou leadest. O give me thy
helping hand, and by thy Spirit cast down,
subdue, and mortifie my raging lusts and
factions; let me not any longer be occu-
pied in ungodliness, lest mine enemies
triumph over me: pluck up, O my good
father, these roots of bitternes, that no
harmfavoury fruit may come of the Tree,
which thou of thine own hand hast planted.
desire, I look, I call, I cry for thy assi-
stance, that I may conquer and subdue all
the sinful and unruly motions of my heart.
blessed Saviour, that hast granted so
many petitions upon earth, to them that
were carefull for the body, fulfil I pray thee
my desire: mortifie good Father in me
up the old body of sin, and give unto me a new
body, purged from these works, to serve
the living God: renew my spirit dayly,
that I may cast away these works of darknes:
why should my body, made by thy hands,
or my soul framed according to thy Image,
given over as a prey into the hands of Sa-
tan? deliver me, O Lord, from the snare
of the hunter, and preserve me from the
hand of mine enemy, who lieth in wait for
my

my spiritual life , and laboureth for ~~me~~ spirit
everlasting destruction. To thee I fly ~~me~~ lu
Lord for succour , hide me therefore ~~me~~ lu
the shadow of thy hand , that none of ~~me~~ from
fiery darts of Saran take hold on me. ~~me~~ loura
so good Lord , to conclude , for the ~~me~~ humil
thou bearest unto mankind , for thy ~~me~~ fum
sake Jesus Christ , who hath taken our ~~me~~ with t
ture upon him , grant that I may not ~~me~~ root o
tempted above my strength , but that in ~~me~~ with a
temptations I may fly unto thee , as ~~me~~ upon
only comfort and salvation , and that the ~~me~~ consta
wilt of thy mercy and goodness , give ~~me~~ unconfi
grace and desire to withstand all the ~~me~~ koffin
of my sinful flesh and affections : ~~me~~ from th
word of thine , I beseech thee , O Lord ~~me~~ battary
to perfect and fully accomplish in me , ~~me~~ of the
I may do all things pleasing in thy sight ~~me~~ ed e
ever. Amen.

A Prayer for redress of a sinful life

O Most merciful God and dear Father ~~me~~ tempt
grant that with heart I desire ~~me~~ neighbour
with desiring seek thee , in seeking find ~~me~~ her ;
in finding that I love thee , and , by ~~me~~ less m
thee , that I turn not again to my former ~~me~~ goo
which thou hast redeemed : give me ~~me~~ min
Lord , a repentant heart , and a con ~~me~~ g
spirit

spirit : quench in me O King of glory,
the lust of my flesh , and kindle in me the
fire of thy love. O my Redeemer take
from me the spirit of pride , and most fa-
vourably enrich me with the treasure of
humility; remove from me, O my Saviour,
the fury of anger , and graciously arm me
with the shield of patience: O my Creator,
root out of me all rancor , and endue me
with a cheerful and meek heart , and bestow
upon me a perfect faith , right hope , and
constant love : preserve me from all vanity ;
inconstancy of mind , wavering of heart ,
offing of tongue , wicked slandering ;
from the vice of hypocrisy , the poyson of
battery , contempt of the poor , oppression
of the weak , from greedy avarice , cank-
ered envy , and deadly blasphemy : root
out of me , O Lord and Maker , rash
boldness , contumacy , frowardness , ne-
ligence , idleness , blindness of heart ,
obstinacy of mind , savage conditions , con-
tempt of that good is , rigor towards my
neighbour : O my God and merciful Fa-
ther , I beseech thee in Jesus Christ , to
loose me with the works of mercy , and zeal
goodliness : to suffer with the afflicted ,
minister to the needy , to counsel them
that go astray , to comfort the sorrowful , to

pardon them that trespass against me, to that I
love them that hate me, to render good for evill,
to imitate the good, to beware of the evil,
and to embrace virtue, to guard the broad
door of my mouth, to watch the enemies
that compass my lips, to despise worldly
things, and earnestly to thirst after the
heavenly : through Jesus Christ my Lord
and Saviour ; to whom be all honour and
glory for ever. Amen.

*A Prayer for continual remembrance
of our end.*

O God the only giver of life, and the maintainer and preserver thereof, and the life after death : grant me due consideration, that this body of mine is builded upon an earthly foundation, and framed of the substance of dust and clay, which is not durable, the glory whereof vanisheth like the flower of the field, which is cut down and withered ; the body is a mansion, or rather the prison of the soul, and the same so frail, weak and feeble, or subject to so many causes that procure the dissolution of body and soul, that death often happeneth when we think least thereon : wherefore grant, O God of my life,

to that I may have such continual care, fore-sight, and diligent respect unto the direction of my doings, cogitation, and words, as to load not my poor soul so much with the burden of sense, as security, sin and iniquity, that the body being suddenly intangled with the snare of death, be carried where there is no rest nor joy, but continual mourning and anguish of mind : O my most loving Father, lighten mine eyes, that I sleep not in sin, nor wander in darkness, according to the will of the flesh; but make me always willing to come unto thee, even with desire, when it pleaseth thee to call me : let me not, if it were, draw backward when thou invitest me to the sweet banquet of thy heavenly Kingdom, as by thy Word and gospel preached and revealed unto us, which is an especial calling of us : and when I feel my self grieved or vexed with ~~shewy~~ kind of sickness or disease, which is another of thy calling of us, and an especial warning that we must die : yea, and when I am at my daily busines, or when I eat or drink, when I am in my best temperance and health, at all times, and in all decesses give me grace to think that death hereunder at my elbows alwayes ready to life like me, and that I sleep not in sin and the

security , and the time suddenly come of
 my departure , and so be taken unprovided
 and perith without repentance . O Lord
 such is the blindness of our nature , that we
 think this world a continual being for us
 covet even with greediness to see many
 dayes , where we heap sin upon sin , to the
 overburdening of our poor souls , seldom
 or not at all thinking to die : but grant
 my most sweet Lord , that as I desire to live
 so I may have a greater desire to live well
 that I may make an happy end , abandoning
 the fear of death , that the cogitation thereof
 may dwell in peace within the mansion of my
 heart , and when it shall approach near unto
 me , I fly not from it , but that I may go
 forth with joy to meet it : considering that
 it is a mean to end my wo's , and to begin
 my joy ; it is the finithing of sorrow , and
 the entrance into bliss , where is nothing
 but joy unspeakable ; and contrary here on
 earth , nothing but care and woe ; which
 moved thy servant Job to call this life
 warfare , where is nothing but conflicts be-
 tween the flesh and the spirit , daily increase
 of sin , and continual care of vanity .

O God give me a careful heart to love
 thee ; while I live here give me continual
 fear , unfeigned zeal , perfect faith , and
 godly

golly care to do good unto all men, and
earnest desire to come unto thee, who art
the end of all trouble and labour, the
beginning of bliss, the end of death, and
the beginning of life; whereunto sweet
Lord, grant that with uufeigned desire, I
may faithfully endeavour my self to come,
where thy Son is gone before to direct us
the way, and making all those that thou
dest with the lamp of true faith burning
in their hearts, partakers of the everlasting
joies thereof: In number of whom, O
ever Lord, accept me here, and cleanse
me from all my sins, that I may appear a-
mong them in the world to come, through
the same thy Son Jesus Christ my Lord and
aviour; to whom be all praise and glory
ever and ever. Amen.

*A Prayer to Jesus Christ for hea-
venly comfort.*

O Jesus, grant I beseech thee, I may
rest and repose my self in thee before
any creature, before all honour, power,
glory and consolation, over and above all
hope and promise; yea, and above all the
best of heaven. O when shall it be fully
settled unto me, that I shall forsake my
I 3 self,

self, and see how sweet and pleasant the art O Lord my God! O Jesus the brightness of eternal glory, the comfort of this wandering soul, my mouth is bent toward thee without speaking, and silent, speak unto thee. How long will my Lord withdraw himself from coming unto me? come unto me thy servant, comfort me O Lord, thrust forth thy helping hand O God, and deliver me; for without thee there can be no restful day, nor quiet hour thou art my joy, thou art my comfort and without thee I am comfortless: O Jesus, infinite in pity, infinite in power, infinite also both in thy rewards, and in thy revenge; I am weak, but willing with my soul to love thee, with my flesh to fear thee, with my mind to honour thee, with my mouth to praise thee, and with my whole heart to serve thee; but alas I am so clogged with corruption, I am so drowned in flesh and blood, that I scarce either dare or can lift up my head, and look unto thee, and yet why should I be ashamed when thou dost invite me? Why should I be faint when thou dost not only encourage, but also enable me, or at the least accept my weak endeavours? Strive then, O the very bowels of my soul, strive with

you

the our strength to raise up your thoughts out
of this mire of mortality, wherein they
of thick, and out of these waves of fleshly af-
fections, wherein they float; advance thy
sake, O my soul, towards thy Creator,
and frame thy affections to love him for his
unworthiness, to honour him for his greatness,
and rejoice in him for his merits, to pray
unto him for his mercies, which dayly thou
at thet need, and by needing dost crave, and
howe craving dost obtain, if not according to
thy desires, yet very far above thy deserts;
O therefore, blessed be thou O Lord my
God, which hast done this goodness unto
thy servant. What can I say more unto
thee O Lord, but humble my self in thy
thought, and be always mindful of mine iniqui-
ty and unworthiness; for of all the wonder-
ful things in heaven and earth, there is
none like unto thee O Lord. Thy works
are excellent, thy judgments are upright,
and by thy providence all things are ground-
ed; O Father of wisdome, laud and praise
unto thee; my mouth, my soul, and
the powers of my heart shall praise thee
without ceasing O my God, both now and
ever. Amen.

*A fruitful Prayer at the end of
Prayer.*

O Most righteous God, for thy great mercies sake hearken to these my prayers which I have now made unto thee; and consider Lord the desires and thoughts of my heart, in thy mercy; and let mine unfeigned prayers enter into thine ears; hear, O Lord, for I am destitute of thy help, take care for my soul, save me the unworthy servant, which wholly trusteth in thee; have mercy. O Lord, have mercy upon me, for I will never cease crying unto thee for thy help and mercy. In the daytime will I call on thee, and in the night my cry shall not be hid from thee. O thou God of the heavens, and maker of all creatures, hear me a most wretched creature, calling on thee; and take away from me all my sins, and make stedfast my faith and confidence in thee, and in thy promises; that putting my trust in them, may have as thou hast promised, everlasting life, through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour; to whom be all praise and glory, for ever and ever, world without end. Amen.

An Evening Prayer.

O Eternal God, omnipotent and merciful Father, I prostrate my self before thy throne, beseeching thee in the Name of thy Son *Jesus Christ*, to blot out all my transgressions, by which I have offended thy divine Majesty this day; forgive Lord all the sins which from my youth I have done, and be merciful unto me; guide me with thy wisdom, that when I walk, it may go with me, when I sleep, it may keep me, and when I awake, I may talk thereof.

Lord be thou my watchman and protector this night, that troubles and vain cogitations do not invade me, neither the fear of death overwhelm me, nor my sleep in the night alter my thoughts and understanding when I should take rest; but grant me a good and quiet sleep, going unto my bed, which representeth my grave, that tiling in the morning to render due praise and thanks unto thee my Protector, I may likewise at the day of Judgment rise as one of thy chosen children, upon thy right hand into heaven, where I may sing praises to thy holy and blessed Name for ever.

Prayers for Saturday Morning.

O Lord my God and Father, bless
be thy Name for ever. Dispense
heart, open my lips, and give me
holy Spirit, &c.

A Psalm.

Whom have I in Heaven
but thou O Lord, and
there is none upon
earth that I desire in
comparison of thee.

My flesh and my heart faileth, but God
is the strength of my heart, and my portion
for ever.

For lo, they that forsake thee shall perish,
and thou wilt destroy them that commit for-
nication against thee.

But it is good for me to hold me fast by
God, and to put my trust in my Lord God,
and to speak of all his works.

For God is King of old, the help that is
done upon earth he doth in himself.

Wherefore I will cry unto God with
voice, even unto God will I cry with
voice,

oice, and he shall hearken unto me.

When I am in heaviness I will think upon God, when my heart is vexed I will complain.

I have considered the dayes of old, and the years that are past.

I call to remembrance my song, and in the night I communewith mine own heart; and search out my spirits.

Will the Lord absent himself for ever, and will he be no more intreated?

Is his mercy cleangone for ever; and is his promise come utterly to an end for evermore?

Hath God forgotten to be gracious and will he shut up his loving kindness in displeasure?

And I said it is mine own infirmity; but I will remember the years of the most High.

I will remember the works of the Lord, and call to mind the wonders of old time.

I will think of all thy works, and my thinking shall be of thy doings. Glory, &c.

A Morning Prayer.

O Almighty protector and keeper both of the souls and bodies of the faithful, yield thee humble and hearty thanks, for defending

defending me, and saving me this night past,
and all the rest of my life hitherto from
sudden death, and from all other perils and
dangers, whereunto my soul and weak body
are subject to fall, and wherewith I am so
beset, that had I not been preserved by thee,
it could not otherwise have been, but my
body had perished, and my soul been carried
into everlasting perdition : But most sweet
Lord, my succour and defence, who hath
continual regard of the safety of thy ser-
vants, and never sufferest them to be over-
come with any kind of danger, vouchsafe
to forgive me whatsoever I have committed
and done against thy divine Majesty, either
sleeping or waking this night, or at any
time secretly or openly hereofore, by rea-
son of the corruption which remaineth in
me : and grant that as I have by thy pro-
tection passed this night, so I may enjoy
at thy merciful hands, whatsoever thy fa-
therly providence shall think meet and con-
venient for me, and so in hope of thy loving
kindness and mercy, go forward this day,
and all my life in perfect love, unfaigned
zeal, and continual obedience to thy most
blessed will; that so continuing unto the end,
I may receive the reward of thy ~~greatest~~
~~kingdom~~, which thy Son Jesus had
purchased

urchased for all true believers in thee ; in number of whom sweet Lord , for the mercies of him thy Son , make me , that I with them , and they with me , may continually sing laud and praise unto the Trinity eternally , Amen.

A Confession to God for sin.

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Ost gracious God , and loving Father in Jesus Christ , I confess mine unrighteousness , which maketh me unworthy to come before thee , not only in regard of mine original corruption , which I traded from disobedient *Adam* , but in regard of my continual sins , and actual evils , which I daily commit against thee , whereby I cannot but be offensive unto thee , and ever loathsome in thy sacred eyes : but alas , such is mine estate , that being considered as it is , in and of my self , that I can bring forth no better fruits than the Tree of *Adams* disobedience ; whose roots , as they are sin , so bear they sin in me , and consequently procure death and destruction : but dear Father , as by *Adam* sin entered and took hold of himself , and of all his posterity ; *Jesus* thy Son Jesus Christ we are all justified by our adoption into his righteousness of thy

thy free love, if we take hold of thy promises in him, and become obedient unto thee : and therefore, dear Father, howsoever our corruptions, as they are in us or our selves, have bewrapped us in bondage to sin and death ; so let thy Sons merits unto us a sufficient ransome for our everlasting liberty ; not only to come freely to the Throne of grace, but in the end to obtain the joyes eternally with him in heaven, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the holy Spirit for ever, world without end. Amen.

A Prayer for the true Worship of God.

O Most gracious God and loving Father, establish my heart and mind in the true Worship of thy divine Majesty : make me to believe thy holy and sacred Gospel, wherein I am daily and hourly instructed in love, fear, honour, and obey thee : to hate sin and iniquity, to renounce all superstitious ceremonies, whereby thy worship is defaced, thy glory prophaned, and thy honour greatly diminished : Give me grace to hate sin, and to renounce the vanities and wanton pleasures of this wicked world : and finally, give me power from above,

above to withstand Satan the Prince of darkness, and all his damnable ministers, who by divers temptations provokes and allures us from godly purity, and perfect integrity, which passeth only from Christ Jesus to us, who is the fulness of our perfection and holiness, to all kind of evil, impiety and uncleanness: by means whereof thy glory is greatly prophane, and of a set purpose contemned; make me, O Lord I beseech thee, by the power of a fruitful faith, to resist and bridle the concupiscence of my flesh, in such sort, that my soul may triumph with victory, and continue constant in worshipping thee, from whom passeth the fulness of my joy; prepare my heart and mind to spread forth the glory of thy Name; keep my tongue from all filthy talk, and uncomely gesture, least, by the exercises of such sin, I contemn thy worship, and provoke thee to displeasure against me; set thou awatch before the gates of my mouth, that all my lips may by grace be made open to found forth thy praise and glory; be merciful to mine offences, think thou not on Give my unrighteousness; but open thy clemency, forgive thou freely, and pardon graciously with all my sins; make me faithful in Christ Jesus, shorten the dangerous dayes of iniuity, increase

Increase the number of thy chosen and peculiar Saints ; hasten thy coming , O Saviour Christ , that I with the fellowship of thy Saints , heavenly Angles , and the blessed company of Martyrs , may celebrate thy praise , and worship thee in thy glorious kingdom , before thy Father , my God , and the Holy-Ghost ; to whom be all honour , praise and glory , for ever , Amen .

A Prayer taken out of the first Psalm.

O Almighty and most gracious God , take away from me I beseech thee all evil counsels , and then my sins ; suffer me not to run into an ungodly and wicked life , and finally , keep my mind far from the contempt of godliness , and scorning of virtue ; and instead of these evils , grant that I may continually be occupied in thy Law and sacred Scriptures , and that I be not carried about like the wicked , as light dust , and fruitless chaff , with every blast of affection and doctrine ; but rather that I be as a Tree planted by the water-brooks , and endued with the life of thy Spirit and faith ; I may also by the same Spirit bring forth the fruit of good works ; and that whatsoever I take in hand it may prosper , and tend to the praise

praise and glory of thy Name , and furtherance of my salvation ; and that at the last , when the wicked shall fall away in thy Judgments , I may stand stedfast , and be made perfect , through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour for ever . Amen .

*A Prayer to be unloosed of the bands
of Satan.*

O Lord , by thy mighty power subdue the works of Satan in me ; O thou wicked seducer , thy works are destroyed , thy bands are broken , thou shalt not take or bind me : avoid sin , thou hast lost thy sting , thou wast condemned in the flesh , nailed to the Cross , and crucified with my Lord Christ ; avoid death , for thou art dead ; and hell , for thou art swallowed up in victory ; avoid thou Dragon and all thine angels , for Michael hath beaten thee , and broken thy head ; he hath freed us from sin , and led away captivity captive , even he Satan , hath over-mastered thee , that cried out unto me , Fear not , for I have overcome the world ; even he that hath promised to go with me to the end of my pilgrimage , and crieth out , that if he be with me , none can be against me ; fight therefore Satan as long

long as thou wilt, thou shalt at length be put to the foil; for the mighty Lion of the Tribe of *Juda* calleth me, that there is no condemnation to them that be in him; that Jesus is the Conquerour of the whole world, and vanquisher of thee, rage thou never so much; therefore I say, avoid from me, for in Christ Jesus I have passed the Sea of my sins, thy cursed army; and if thou follow to pursue me, thou shalt be drowned in the red Sea of Christs bloud; to whom be all honour, power and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer to obtain the Kingdom of Heaven.

O Father, merciful and everlasting, be merciful unto me, and give me a feeling of thy blessed will; open unto me the way of true Knowledg, prepare my steps to walk aright, that in all the course of my life, I may be guided aright, and savour more of heavenly, than of earthly things; and let my whole delight be to meditate righteousness; let me embrace equity, and execute justice, and abound in love, mercy, sanctity and true holiness; and furnish me largely, good Lord, with all spirit-

spiritual graces, whereby I may continually seek thy everlasting Kingdom, and practice the righteousness thereof for ever; illuminate my understanding by thy Spirit, and let thy Word be my whole comfort, and the use thereof my continual delight; and abandon, good Lord, all superfluous care of wordly things from my thoughts, that I may by a continual holy meditation of thee, and things above, use the things of this life, as if I used them not; knowing this, and assuring my self by thy promise; that if I seek and covet to have my conversation on things spiritual, all temporal things shall be ministered unto me: all which my petitions, grant me, O Father, for thy dear Sons, like Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour, to whom be all glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayers for Saturday Night.

O Lord my God and heavenly Father,
blessed be thy Name for ever : Dis-
pose my heart, open my lips, and give me
thy holy Spirit, &c.

A Psalm.

O UT of the deep have I called
unto thee, O Lord, Lord
hear my voice.
O let thine ears consider well
the voice of my complaint.

If thou Lord, wilt be extream to mark,
what is said, or done amiss, O Lord who
may abide it?

I look for the Lord, my soul doth wait
for him, in his Word is my trust.

My soul melteth away for very heaviness,
comfort thou me according to thy Word.

O take from me the way of lying, and
cause thou me to make much of thy Law.

Make me to go in the paths of thy Com-
mandments, for therein is my desire.

O take not the Word of thy truth utterly
out

out of my mouth, for my hope is in thy Judgments.

I will never forget thy Commandments, for with them thou hast quickned me.

Wheretore, O ye that fear the Lord, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemp-

on. For when I called unto thee, thou heardst me, and enduedst my soul with much strength.

And though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou shalt thou refresh me.

The Lord shall make good his loving kindness towards me, yea, thy mercy, O Lord, endureth for ever, despise not then the works of thine own hands.

Wherefore I will praise the Lord, for the Lord is gracious, O let us sing praises unto his Name, for it is lovely.

Thy Name, O Lord, endureth for ever, so doth thy memorial, O Lord from generation to generation. Glory be, &c.

*A most fruitful Prayer for a blessed
and godly life.*

O Merciful Father, the honour of my salvation, and my defender, in whom I only put my whole trust; I unhappy wretch, have many ways stirred thee up, by a I have done evil before thy face, I have provoked thy displeasure, I have sinned, and tho hast suffered me; I have offended, and yet thou sustaineſt me: yea, and besides all this, while I deser from time to time, thou tarriest for me. O Lord the God of my health, I cannot tell what to answer, there is no place to fly from thee, or to hide me; thou shewest me the way to live well, and givest me knowledge how to go: wherefore, O Father of mercy, and God of consolation, strike my heart with thy fear, that with fearing I may escape those things which thou treatest; and grant me the comfort of thy salvation, that in loving, I may obtain those things which thou promises. O Lord, which art my strength and deliverer, tell me how I shall think of thee, teach me with what words I shall call upon thy mind, and the works wherewith I may please thee. O most mighty God, that art blessed evermore,

Moreover, I commit into thy hands at this
time, and at all other times else, my soul,
my body, and all my thoughts, affections
and works: my memory, my faith,
of my belief, and continuance in the same,
wherewith thou maist defend them with thy most
mighty power, that thou maist keep them
up day and night, and every moment of time,
bawar me, O holy Trinity, and keep me
from all evil, from all offences, from all
wiles and despites of the Devil, and from
mine enemies, visible and invisible: give
me, O Lord, perfect sense and understand-
ing, that I may be able to perceive thine
succeding and great mercies: teach me what
I shall ask, and grant that thou wilt hear
well which I require: give me tears from
the bottom of my heart, that may unloose
the bands of my sins: If thou regard me
fear, I perish; if thou look upon me I live;
if thou examine my righteousness, I stink
and am corrupt, being dead; but if thou
look on me with mercy, thou raisest me
out of my grave: spare my soul, spare my
beliefs, visit me that am weak, heal me that
am diseased, give me a heart to fear thee,
thy mind to love thee, ears to hear thee, and
theres that I may alwayes see thee: I ask,
and command, remission of all my sins, have mercy
on

on me, and hear me, O Lord my salva-
on, I have asked those things which I need,
I have remembred those things which I fear;
wherefore, vouchsafe me thy grace, O
Lord, to live in thy true fear to my live-
end, through Jesus Christ my Lord and
Saviour; to whom be all honour and glory
for ever and ever. Amen.

*A Prayer for Faith, and ableness to
pray.*

O Most gracious God and dear Father, I thy unworthy servant, ignorant of all good things, unprofitable and unfruitful to serve thee, by reason of my corruption, do yield thee all humble thanks, that thou dost vouchsafe me access to the throne of thy mercy in Christ where all wisdom, consolation and comfort do abound, from whom all good gifts and graces do most frankly flow unto thy children: I here declare, that there is in me no strength to stand, nor wisdom to walk, nor faith to frame my affections according to thy will, do heartily crave supply of the good gifts in thy hands: wherefore dear Father, grant me thy holy Spirit; which being inspired into me by thy divine power, may work

me such effects as are fit for the strengthening
of my weak understanding, and for the
increase of faith, and renewing the inner
man, I may become a fit member of thy
Church; good Father sanctifie me within
and without, purifie mine affections, and
let me be made holy in all my proceedings:
direct me to call upon thee aright, and
shape in me a sound course of life, and let
faith unfeigned be the ground of all my de-
sires, that I may be thereby renewed daily in
lively hope of thy gracious deliverance,
whosoever I am touched with any calamity:
dear Father banish all unbelief in me, and
make me thereby faithful, that by thy divine
working, I may be able to conceive aright,
speak aright, and walk aright: O learn me, and
I shall be learned, teach me, and I shall un-
derstand and do thy will; then shall neither
prosperity puff me up, nor calamities cast
me down, nor any evil make me afraid: O
do I happy man that is so far in thy favour, that
hast obtaineth this blessing at thy hands! there-
fore I fly unto thee my Al-sufficient, and
truly helping God and Father, pitiful to
my wilfully perplexed children; to thee I fly and
will not faint, for I believe thy promises,
graciously help my unbelief: thou art the cause
inspired absolute perfection of my soul, the
work

preferrever of life, the everlasting and only good that I seeck, from whom, as from lively spring floweth whatsoe'er good is, either for soul or body : make perfect therefore in me this good gift, O Lord increase it in me more and more daily ; that I applying the same in humble manner, with reverent prayer to thy divine Majesty, both for corporal and spiritual relief, may be continually heard, and so resting heren under the shadow of thy sacred wings, may be safe and secure in all my miseries ; good Lord, I here command mine estate unto thee in all patience, humbly beseeching thee that in thy good time, I may reap the fruit of a lively confidence in thee : namely, what in this life is expedient for the preservation and maintenance thereof, and after this life, the absolute end thereof ; that is, eternal salvation in Jesus Christ, to whom with the Father and the Holy Ghost be all glory for ever. Amen.

A Prayer to be defended against our enemies.

O Lord strengthen my faith, and arm me with continual hope in thee, whereby I may be able to withstand all the cruelties

cruelties of mine adversaries, in such sort
that they may know it to be thy self who
lightest for me, and defendest my cause a-
gainst their fury : behold O Lord, my trust
is in thee, thy rod and thy staff, comfort
me, and stay me up, that I fal not into their
hands by trusting unto mine own policy or
wisdom, which is but as foolishness before
thee, nor to the help or friendship of man,
which is but vain : but lead thou me, O
Lord, guide me in all my doings, cog-
itations and words, lest I erring from thy
Commandments, incline my heart to vanity
and vice, mine enemies take just occasion to
say, ah, we saw it with our eyes, and
bring up an evil report of me, and that de-
servedly : O Lord guide me in all truth,
establish my heart with true desire and able-
ness to walk uprightly in all thy wayes:
ouchsafe to keep me from the dangerous
desires of Hesly lust, and from haunting
the places suspected or polluted with un-
deanness, lest mine enemies, taking just
occasion by my lewd behaviour, speak that
indeed which may redound to my shame and
deserved infamy. Finally; O Lord, keep
me from all evil; and though by reason of
my corruption I be naturally inclin'd to
wantonnes and excess, thou wilt give me

K 2 sobriety,

Sobriety, lowliness, love, even to mine
enemies, chastity, wisdom, and discrete
understanding both of their wills and mine
own weakness, that so through thy grace
leading the whole course of my life in sain-
tity and godly behaviour, I may magnifie
thy holy Name, who so regardest the pro-
sperity of thy servant, that thou sufferest
him not to fall into the hands of such as would
eat him up; and let not the adversities of
thy truth, O Lord, unjustly rejoice over me,
I am in thy hand, and they are fallen
within the compass of thy power, stay their
fury, let them not take effect in their de-
vices against me; I refer all things to thy
heavenly providence, and wholly commend
my self into thy hands, humbly praying
thee for Jesus Christ sake, to deal with me
and them, according to thy mercy and the
loving kindness, and not after our deserts,
be thou merciful unto me, and evermore up-
rightly defend me unto my lives end, con-
ducting me uprightly in all my wayes, for the
glory of thy holy Name; to whom with thee
thy Son and the Holy Ghost, be all honour, Jes-
power and glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

*A Prayer for the opening of the eyes
of our understanding.*

O Sweet Jesus, lighten me with the brightness of eternal light, and drive darkness, as it were, from the mansion house of my soul: suppress these wandering thoughts, and break in pieces these violent ~~impurations~~: fight thou my God for my assistance, and vanquish those evil beasts, to wit, the enticing desires of the flesh, that by thy power I may get peace, and sing, through thy praises, in the holy Court of my soul: send thy light and truth which may enlighten the earth, for I am rude earth, good for nought, until thou enlighthen me; pour down thy favour from above, and replenish my soul with thy heavenly grace: O Lord rmonish up my mind, which is pressed down, through the weight of sin, and stir up the same wholly to the desire of heavenly and celestial things; that having tasted the sweet-savouries of supernatural happiness, it may greatly grieve me, even to think of this world; take me, O Lord, or rather pluck me from all momentary pleasures of earthly and vain things, and joyn me unto thee by an indissoluble band of good will; for thou

alone dost suffice thy friend, and without
thee all things are vain, and of no price in
my heart, to whom, O my Lord God, be
all glory for ever, Amen.

A Godly Meditation, or Prayer.

O Lord my God, I altogether unhappy
and comfortless, have grievously of-
fended thee; how often have I trespassed a-
gainst thee, and how often have I deserved
thy displeasure, and yet how seldom hast thou
punished me? how often hast thou
been good and merciful unto me, how
often have I promised and vowed amendment
and how little and seldom have I performed
it? I dare not lift up mine eyes towards hea-
ven, because I have sinned against it, and
in earth I cannot look for refuge, because I
have been a slander, and a shame unto it;
what then, shall I despair? no, for God is
merciful, and a good Saviour, he doth
visit them that live in darkness, and is a
cheerful light to them that sit in the shadow
of death; he willeth us to forgive our bro-
ther, though he offend seven times, yea,
and infinitely, and is more merciful than
any man can be: return thee therefore unto
thy Lord God, pray unto him humbly for
grace, and continue thee to bewail thy sins

past, because he that loveth thee, provok-
eth thee daily with his gifts to love him,
and will not leave till he have made perfect
his work begun, and brought his mercy to
full effect in thee; what natural cause be-
ginneth his work, and leaveth it in the half
way imperfect? and as by natural order and
right course, things do proceed and in-
crease by little and little, from the less to
the more; even so doth God first dispose us
to his mercy, and then increasing his good-
ness, daily bestoweth on us, in the end,
the treasure of his grace, the inheritance of
everlasting joyes; yea, very love worketh
in natural causes to bring forth their effects
to perfection. which if it be so in creatures,
what will the Creator do, which is love it-
self, and infinite goodness! he will withdraw
thee from thy sins, and make thee clean and
pure, and finally bless thee with eternal life.
O Lord, I come unto thee, humbly wait-
ing for thy mercy, thou art my hope and
help, according to thy great goodness and
mercy in Jesus Christ, have mercy on me
now and for evermore. Amen.

A Prayer for perseverance in Prayer.

O Lord my God, according to thy Commandment, in mine afflictions and necessities I seek to thee for succour by continual Prayer, and calling upon thy Name; therefore most dear Father, strengthen me by thy holy spirit, that I may still persevere in Prayer, and with longing desires patiently wait for thee, O Lord, being assured, that although it appear not as yet, thou art always present with me, and hearest my complaint, and wilt, when thou seest thy time, declare thy self manifestly in renewing my heart with spiritual joy; stir up, O Lord, I beseech thee, my sluggish nature to call upon thee continually, appointing thee neither the time, nor the means of my deliverance; but leaving all to thy good will and pleasure, I may in the mean time never cease by continual Prayer to call for thy merciful deliverance: and when thou shalt mercifully take upon thee to deliver me, I may then fully with my whole heart acknowledge thy goodness towards me, and that it never slip out of my heart, but that I may continue thankful for the same all the dayes of my life, whereby thy glory in me may be declared,

declared, and my soul relieved, through Jesus Christ my Lord and Saviour. Amen.

An Evening Prayer.

O My Lord God and merciful Father, I humbly beseech thee in Jesus Christ, at thou wilt vouchsafe to hide and bury all my sins and transgressions whatsoever from my infancy unto this present time I have committed and done against thy divine Majesty. O Lord be thou my light in darkness, then shall my light be as clear as the day. O heavenly Father bless me; O blessed Son keep me, O Holy Ghost, three Persons and one God, deliver me this night from all sin and evil that may be hurtful to my soul and body, that so with confidence to thee, I may lay me down to rest, and none make me afraid, because thou art my Protector. O holy Spirit, at my last gasp be thou my light, yea, when my strength faileth, my light departeth, mine ears wax deaf, and my mouth dumb; and when all my senses forsake me, then give me some sense of eternal life, that I may taste in this mortal body the beginning of thine everlasting comfort & and at my departure out of this world, I may behold by faith, thy divine presence, and so

sleep quietly to eternal life, through Jesus Christ thine only Son, my Saviour; to whom be all honour and glory for ever.
Amen.



*Short Directions before the Receiving of
Christ's Holy Sacrament, His Blessed
Body and Blood.*

Sacraments should of all men be admired and honoured; not so much respecting the service which we do unto God in receiving them, as the dignity of the sacred and secret gift we thereby receive from God. They are the visible signs of invisible graces, which indeed is the very end these heavenly **Mysteries** were instituted: They are the powerful instruments of God to eternal life; for as our natural life consisteth of the union of the body and soul, so our life supernatural in the union of the soul with God: His flesh is meat, his blood is drink, not by surmised imagination, but truly, even so truly through faith we perceive in the body and blood, Sacramentally presented, the very taste of eternal life.

For the worthy receiving of this Sacrament,
these four things are very considerable.

1. Preparation, or Examination.
2. Faith.
3. Repentance.
4. Thanksgiving.

1. Preparation consisteth in self-examination, and in an act of the soul reflecting upon it self in a general survey of our spiritual state in grace, comparing our present condition, which we find in our selves, with the word of God, by which will quickly appear what good we should have done, and the evil we should not have done.

St. Paul's admonition is, that before the receiving of this holy Sacrament, there should be a strict examination: *Let a man examine himself, and so let him eat and drink of this Cup.* 1 Cor. 11. *For he that drinketh unworthily, drinketh his own damnation.*

Therefore certainly great is the danger to us, if premeditation precedes not this great undertaking. *Thus saith the Lord, Consider your ways,* Hag. 1. 5. Consider well what you go about, for this duty is no perfunctory employment, no exercise by the by, but such a work as ought to be done exactly, seriously, with deep meditation and study,

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Recollecting in privacy, and calling to question all thy actions past, the omission of good duties, and the doing of evil, sweeping, as it were, all the corners of thy heart, and view thy self in the glass of Gods Law, by which quickly will appear thy great and many sins, of all kinds whatsoever; as want of love and fear of God, abusing his mercies and blessings, neglect of works of charity, piety, and justice, offending thy God by blaspheming, cursing, and customary passion: Intemperance, by gluttony and drunkenness, lust and uncharitable desires, hatred, malice, back-biting, and all manner of evil imaginatious; these are they that defile thy soul, and except we do as the Prophet commands us, *Isaia 1. 16.* Wash us, make us clean, put away the evil of our doings before the Lords eyes, and cease to do evil, we shall at the last be rewarded with them that had not *on* the wedding garment: Therefore laying aside all carnal security and self-delusion, *Commune with thy self and be still, Psal. 4.* Search thy soul, enquire of thy conscience, and rip up thy bosome sins, and confess them to the Lord in deep sorrow and contrition of heart, imploring his mercy, steadfast y purposing by his blessed alliance to lead a new life: Accuse

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thy self and say with the Prodigal in the Gospel, Good Father I have sinned, I am not worthy of the least of thy mercies; it is thy mercy I am not consumed! And with Mary Magdalene, cast thy self down at the feet of Jesus, and wash them with tears, in tokens of thy sorrow, and signs of thy love; and be truly sorrowful for so often offending so precious, so merciful a God as our God, the greatness of whose love can't be measured, whose mercy hath no bounds. Therefore, O my soul, contemplate of the great goodness of our good God, which hath this day sent salvation to thy soul, and calleth thee to this great feast, to be partaker of the precious Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, being prepared by humble repentance to receive in faith and joy thy blessed Redeemer, giving thanks always to God the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ, whose mercy is everlasting, whose truth endureth from generation to generation.

2. Faith, which is a certain knowledge with an assured confidence kindled in our heart by the Holy Ghost, being assuredly resolved, that the free remission of all our sins, everlasting righteousness, and life eternal, is given unto us through the mercies and goodness of Almighty God, for the alone merits of Jesus Christ. For,

For, by Grace are ye saved through Faith,
and not of your selves, it is the gift of
God, Ephes. 2. 8.

Being justified freely by his grace through
the redemption which is in Jesus Christ,
Rom. 3. 24.

For as by one mans disobedience all were
made sinners; so by the obedience of one
shall many be made righteous, Rom. 5.
19.

3. Repentance, which is a godly sorrow
for sin wrought in the heart by the superna-
tural grace of the Holy Ghost, turning
from all our evil wayes unto God, in meek-
ness and humility of spirit.

Circumcise therefore the fore-skin of your
hearts, and be no more stiff-necked, Deut.
10. 16.

Wash thy heart from wickedness, that
thou mayst be saved! How long shall
thy vain thoughts lodge within thee?
Jer. 4. 14.

Return ye now every one from his evil
ways, and make your doings good, Jer.
18. 17.

Let us search and try our wayes, and turn
again unto the Lord, Lam. 3. 4.

Return again unto the Lord thy God, for
thou

thou hast fallen by thine own iniquities,
Hos. 14. 1.

Draw nigh to God, cleanse your hands ye
sinners, and purifie your hearts ye double-
minded, Jam. 4. 8.

4. Thanksgiving, praising God the Lord
for all his benefits and mercies, especially
for sending his only Son Jesus Christ to die
for the remission of all our sins, and alwayes
to be mindful of the greatness of his good-
nes, and the unworthiness of our deserts.

Worthy is the Lamb that w. is slain, to re-
ceive power, riches, wisdom, and strength,
and honour, and glory, and blessing, Rev.

5. 12.

I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live :
I will sing praises unto my God, while I
have my being. Psal. 104.

Accept, I beseech thee, the free-will-offer-
ring of my mouth, O Lord, Psal. 11.

Let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God
continually, that is, the fruit of our lips,
giving thanks to his Name. Hebr. 13.

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*An humbl: confession before the
Sacrament.*

O Most mighty God and merciful Father, which according to the multitude of thy mercies, dost put away the sins of those which truly repent, and remembrest them no more! Open O Lord I beseech thee, the eyes of thy mercy upon me thy most unworthy servant, who in heart earnestly desireth pardon and forgiveness of all my sins of a and offences! the number of which exceeds the ordinary expectation of mercy! and such they are, as cannot bear any conformity with excuse! the total sum whereof, is the breach of all thy Commandments, both in thought, word, and deed! thy blessings and benefits I have abused! thy judgements and punishments not feared, the means of my own salvation utterly neglected, and most grievously by my wickedness have I provoked thy wrath and indignation against me! my life that was appointed for the service of thee the living God, hath been for the most part spent in the service of the Devil, in the desires and sinful lusts of the flesh! my doings have been evil, my desires and thoughts wicked, and so deicestable hath the whole course

course of my life been, that my soul trembleth to look up to Heaven for fear of thy displeasure: Shouldest thou therefore, O Lord, be extream to mark what is done amiss, and take vengeance for my sins, I were as dust before the face of the wind, and in justice might be swept away into the place of everlasting torment.

Bur, O Lord, with thee there is mercy ;
that thou mightest be feared : thou art a God
of all comfort and consolation, a merciful,
loving, and gracious Father, ready and
willing to hear all penitent sinners, that in-
ward are sorrowful for their sins ! In the
Name therefore of Jesus Christ my blessed
Redeemer, I humbly prostrate my self be-
fore the Throne of thy Mercy seat, accom-
panied with no other hope than such as pro-
fessed from the richness of thy mercy, that
only for his only sake, thou wilt have compassion
upon me ; for in humility of spirit and con-
dition of heart, I submit my self to thy
goodness, beseeching thee not to let my sins
partake a cloud between my prayer and thy pity,
debt by goodness and my distress ; but forgive
my sins and forget all my transgressions, all my mis-
deeds, let them be sins of what condition
they never ; whether sins of my youth, or sins
of my age, sins of my body or sins of my
soul ;

fatal; secret and open sins, notorious and ~~grave~~
~~presumptuous~~ sins, sins of pride, envy, hatred, ~~self~~
malice, &c. Good Lord remit them all, and ~~ord~~
~~of thy great goodness grant me perfect re-~~
~~mission and absolution for the same! for~~
~~which the Prophet David, Out of the depth~~
~~of my misery, I cry unto thee for the depth~~
~~of thy mercy. O Lord hear my petitions,~~
~~and consider my tears! the contrition of my~~
~~heart, and the sorrow of my soul! and in~~
~~the merits of his blood, that was so plen-~~
~~fully shed on the Cross for penitent sinners,~~
~~wash away the multitude of my transgres-~~
~~sions, that my soul, by thy mercy, being clea-~~
~~sed from the stain of sin, I may be found a~~
~~worthy partaker of this great mystery.~~

And now, O Lord, that I am about to re-
ceive the blessed Sacrament of the body and
blood of Jesus Christ, how shall I, that am
so great a sinner, dust and ashes, dare to pre-
sume to approach thy Table! *The Heavens*
in thy sight being not clear, and the pillars of
the Earth shake at thy presence. What
then shall become of me, miserable that I
am! Yea Lord, thou hast provided a special
means, and in thy Gospel left us a command,
Come unto me all ye, etc. Which command
I obey, and in confident assurance of thy
promise in Christ Jesus, I trust thou wilt
have

s and have mercy upon me, in the easing and re-
freshing of my soul that is wearied with the
burden of my intolerable sins! Wash me
thoroughly from my wickedness, and cleanse
me from my sin, and renew a right spirit
depth within me: And of thy gracious goodness
depth rect me in this great action, with a reve-
lions, end and awful fear of thy Majesty, that all
f my faculties of my soul and body may be
nd intent rightly to apprehend, and joyfully to
en receive this eternal food, this bread of life,
ners his heavenly and wonderful mystery; and
tell that by thy grace I may obtain the virtue,
ean-unit, and benefits of the death and passion of
my Saviour; and by the same, the remission
of all my sins, and everlasting salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord, *Amen.*

*A Prayer before the receiving of the
Communion.*

O Most holy and heavenly God and Fa-
ther, which by the immortal seed of
thy Word hast begotten us to be thy chil-
dren, and with the same (as with milk) dost
nourish us purely as new-born babes, as also
with the divine mysteries of thy holy Sacra-
ments, (as by a visible word) dost confirm
and strengthen us in faith and righteousness;

and

and having so adopted us into thy family, continually feedest and nourishest us unto eternal life: we humbly beseech thee so to prepare our souls to the due receiving thereof worthily, that we may thereby effectually feel, taste, and feed on thy Son *Jesus Christ* (the true Manna and Bread that came down from Heaven) that we may by him have eternal life: pardon (O Lord) pardon our unpreparedness in coming to the participation of so holy and divine Mysteries: Make thy Word and Sacraments alwayes so powerful and effectual in our ears and hearts, that we may thereby be sanctified and renewed unto all holy obedience unto thy will, in the mortification of our sinful corruptions, and renewing of thy perfect Image in us (unto holiness, righteousness, sobriety, truth, knowledge, faith, and temperance) through his most powerful and glorious Resurrection. Establish our Consciences in the assurance of our salvation, by the remission of our sins in the blood of thy Son, which was shed for us on the Altar of the Cross (as a Sacrifice of expiation, to cleanse away all sin.) O Lord, seal and confirm this Covenant of Grace in our hearts by these holy Sacraments (pledges of thy grace and love towards us) that at no time we may stagger

at thy promises, nor fall away from hope and confidence in thee; but being hereby incorporated into one Body, we may partake of one Spirit, and grow in love one towards another (as members of the same mystical Body) that we may forgive one another, as thou hast forgiven us. O Lord, make us ever thankful for thy manifold and great mercies, in providing unto us such means and helps of our salvation; and grant that we may not put any confidence in external actions and exercises thereof (in any hope to be justified thereby) but that we may thereby exalt our minds to heavenly and spiritual Contemplations, and by faith be firmly united unto thee our Head in Heaven, to be made one with thee, and thou with us; and howsoever heretofore we have transgressed and defiled our selves, as well with our natural impurities, and actual impieties, henceforth (being now wash'd and purified in the blood of the Lamb which was sacrificed for us) we may have our conversation in Heaven; and being new creatures in Christ, may have new thoughts, desires, and delights, (far from the lusts of our former ignorance) and may live ever unto him and with him, who sitteth at thy right hand, our Redeemer and Advocate, and shall return to be our Judge.

Judge, to justifie and acquit us before thee,
to whom, with thee and the Holy-Ghost, be
all praise, &c.

A Psalm.

1. **A**s the Hart panteth after the Water-
brooks, so panteth my soul after the
O God.

2. O let thy merciful kindness be my
comfort, according to thy Word unto thy
Servant.

3. Help me, O God of my salvation, for
the glory of thy Name ; O deliver me, and
be merciful unto my sin, for thy Name's
sake.

4. O remember not my old sins ! but have
mercy upon me, and that soon, for I am
come to great misery.

5. Consider and hear me, O Lord my
God, for my trust is in thy mercy.

6. Turn thy face from my sins, and put
out all my mis-deeds.

7. Have mercy upon me, O God, after
thy great goodness ; according to the mu-
titude of thy mercies do away my offences.

8. Wash me throughly from my wicked-
ness, and cleanse me from my sin.

9. For I acknowledge my faults, and
sin is ever before me.

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10. Behold, I was shapen in wickedness,
and in sin bath my mother conceived me.
11. Thou shalt purge me with Hysop, and
I shall be clean: thou shalt wash me, and I
shall be whi.er than snow.
12. Make me a clean heart, O God; and
new a right spirit within me.
13. O remember not the sins and offences
of my youth; but according to thy mercy,
look thou upon me, O Lord, for thy good-
14. For thy Name sake, O Lord, be mer-
ciful unto my sin, for it is great.
15. Turn thee unto me, and have mercy
upon me; for I am desolate and in misery.
16. Remember not, O Lord, mine ini-
quities, nor the iniquities of my fore-fathers,
but either take thou vengeance of my sins; but
give me, good Lord, whom thou hast re-
deemed with thy precious blood, and be not
angry with me for ever.
17. Blessed is he whose unrighteousness
is forgiven, and whose sin is covered.
18. Blessed is the man, unto whom the
Lord imputeth no sin, and in whose spirit
there is no guile.
19. The Lord is nigh unto them that are
contrite heart, and will save such as be
in a humble spirit.

20. O taste and see how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that putteth his trust in him.

21. O Lord thou hast dealt graciously with thy servant, according to thy Word. *Glory be to, &c.*

O Most gracious Lord God, I beseech thee help thy servant whom of thy mercy thou hast created, repair the ruins of my soul, enlarge the frame of my understanding thereof, cleanse it from all filth corruption, and garnish it with all heavenly graces, that it may be both conveniently and furnished to receive thee, that thou mayst make thy entry, and possess the which is thy own, both by creation and redemption, and merits of thy passion, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

Before the receiving.

Ex Liturg.

Grant O most merciful Father I beseech thee, that I receiving these thy creatures of Bread and Wine, according to the holy institution of our Saviour Jesus Christ in remembrance of his death and passion,

Lord; be partaker of his blessed Body and Blood!
and that my sinful body may be made clean
by his Body, and my sinful soul washt
through his most precious Blood which was
shed for the remission of all my sins, through
the same Jesus Christ. Amen.

Immediately before the Receiving.

Matth. 8. 8.

Lord; I am not worthy thou shouldest
come under my roof: but speak the word
only, and my soul shall be healed.

II.

O Lamb of God, let me eat thy Flesh,
and drink thy Blood, that I may live ever-
lastingly by thee; and cloath me with the
veil of thy mercy, that no winter or storm
of sin do pinch my silly soul.

III.

O blessed Jesus, let the Blood that ran
from thy blessed Heart, wash my soul from
all sin and iniquity, and purchase me thy
heavenly grace and benediction: Amen.

Immediately after Receiving.

Praise the Lord, O my Soul, and all that
is within me praise his holy Name, and
forget not all his benefits, which saith thy
life from destruction, and crowneth thee
with mercy and loving kindness, *Psal. 103.*

I will give thanks unto the Lord, for he is
gracious, and his mercy endureth for ever,
Psal. 106.

Alleluja, Salvation and Glory, and Honour,
and Power, be unto the Lord our
God, *Amen. Revel. 19. 1.*

*Thanksgiving after the Receiving of the
Blessed Sacrament.*

Ex Liturg.

O Almighty and everlasting Lord God; I
thy most humble servant, according to
my bounden duty and service, do render unto
to thy Fatherly goodness, all possible praise
and thanksgiving, for that thou hast vouchsafed
to feed me with the holy mysteries, an
spiritual food of the precious Body and
Blood of Jesus Christ thy Son and my Savio
our; assuring me thereby of thy grace and
favour towards me; and that I am a member incorpo
rate in thy mystical body, the blessed

company

company of faithful people; and also heir
through hope of thy everlasting Kingdom,
by the merits of his most precious death and
resurrection: and grant me, O Lord, for the
time to come, the assistance of thy grace and
thy heavenly benediction, that I may continue
thee all such good works as thou hast prepared
for me to walk in; to the glory of thy Name,
be it my everlasting comfort, through Jesus
Christ our Lord: to whom with thee and the
Holy Ghost be all honour and glory world
Without end. Amen.

A Psalm.

1. **P**raise the Lord, O my Soul, and
all that is within me praise his
holy Name, which saveth thy self from de-
ath; trust on him, and feedeth thee with the Bread of
heaven.

2. I will always give thanks unto the
Lord, his praises shall ever be in my
mouth.

3. Thy merciful kindness is evermore to-
ward us: and thy truth, O Lord, is ever-
lasting.

4. Great is the Lord, and marvelous to
be praised, there is no end of his greatness.

5. He loveth Righteousness and Judgment;

ment; the earth is full of the goodness of the Lord.

6. Be glad, O ye Righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; and be joyful all ye that are true of heart.

7. I will give thanks unto thee with my whole heart; I will speak of all thy marvellous works.

8. O praise the Lord with me, and let us magnifie his holy Name.

9. Let my heart be filled with gladness, and my mouth with praise, that I may sing of thy glory; and with the rest of thy Saints give honour to thy Majesty in the eternal fruition of thy presence through Christ.

10. My mouth shall speak of the praise of the Lord; and let all flesh give thanks unto his holy Name for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Vers. Praise ye the Lord.

Resp. The Lord's Name be praised.

O Almighty and eternal God, what worthy praise can I give unto thee, by whose goodness I was created, by whose mercy I was redeemed, by whose power I am preserved, and by whose grace I hope to be glorified; and for all other thy blessings and benefits which I enjoy both in soul and body; and especially, for feeding me this day

day with the precious body and blood of Jesus Christ. I will therefore offer unto thee the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and alwayses praise thy holy Name, beseeching thee to pour upon my heart the sweet streams of thy mercy; conform my life, confirm my faith, and guide me by thy grace, that thy servant may with strong assurance of thine infallible truth and promised mercy, vanquish and subdue whatsoever rebelleth against thy blessed will; keep holy my soul and body, and let them not be defiled through delectation of sin; but that my full delight and joy may be in thee, and walk before thee in sincerity of heart and godly conversation, that I may here on earth gloriifie thy name, and after this life with all thy faithful flock possess that everlasting inheritance which thy Son Christ Jesus hath purchased: whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honour and glory world without end.

Amen.

John 5. 14.

*Behold, thou art made whole, sin no more,
lest a worse thing come unto thee.*

1 John 1. 17.

*If we walk in the light, as he is in the
light, we have fellowship one with another,
and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth
from all sin.*

L 3 Eph.

Eph. 5. 1, 2.

Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear Children, and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and given himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour.

Eph. 5.

Ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord. See then ye walk circumspectly, redeeming time, because the dayes are evil.

Jude 25.

To the onely wise God our Saviour, in Glory and Majesty, Dominion and Power, both now and ever. Amen.

Prayers

Prayers for the Sick.

Remember not Lord our offences, nor the offences of our Fore-fathers, neither take thou vengeance of our sins, but spare us good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and be not angry with us for ever.

Spare us good Lord.

O Lord I beseech thee favourably to hear the prayers of thy servant, that I which am rightly punished for my offences, may by thy goodness be mercifully delivered for the glory of thy Name : through Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth world without end. *Amen.*

Almighty and everlasting God, in whose hand consisteth the life of all mankind, which correctest those whom thou receivest ; mercifully I beseech thee to hear my complaint, and despise not the prayer that I make now in the time of my trouble, in the vexa-

tion of my spirit, and the anguish of my soul. I remember thee, and cry unto thee for mercy; O thou that hast created, and made me of nothing, and redeemed me from the bondage of sin, death, and everlasting destruction, by the most precious blood of Jesus Christ, shed upon the Cross for the ransom of all my sins. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, have mercy upon me, bow down thine ear unto my cry, and cast me not away in thine anger, though for my wickedness I have deserved thy wrath and heavy displeasure against me: And now for my transgressions, in thy indignation thou hast stricken me with grievous sickness, and I begin to fall as leaves beaten with a vehement wind, yet are they punishments less than my deservings. But of thy mercy and goodness, O Lord, correct me not to death, but to amendment of life; for thine own sake, for thy holy Names sake, for Christ Jesus sake be merciful unto my sin, for it is very great, and there is no rest in my bones, by reason of my transgression: Spare thy Servant, O God, which confesseth his sins; pour thy sanctifying Grace into my heart, and work thereby true and immediate repentance, and restore me again to thy favour, according to thy gracious promise in Jesus Christ:

Christ: Let thy merciful providence so govern all this sickness, that I never fall into utter darkness, ignorance of thee, or inconsideration of my self; let the faintness of my spirit, and the condemnation of my self, be overcome with thy irresistible light, thou God of all consolation; grant that I may be mindful of the great account that I have to make at the day of judgment, and that I may bear in mind the Image of that which is to be faithful, the end of misery, and the beginning of all happiness; but to the secure and careless, the beginning of eternal pain: Strengthen my faith, accept my repentant tears, speak peace to my soul and conscience, and say, thou art my salvation: *My grace is sufficient for thee;* then shall my heart rejoice, and my soul shall be right glad, desiring to be dissolved, and be at peace, that after this my bodily death, I may enjoy the eternal fruition of thy heavenly presence: Let me now, good Father, in this my trial be stricken with fear of condemnation, or distrust thy promises, but in sure confidence of heart, apply to my self the remission of my sins, that at the last gasp, by faith in Jesus Christ, I may have a taste of eternal salvation: Let now death (if thou please to send it) be terrible or bitter unto me; but when it

cometh, I may with joy receive the same ;
and having escaped the hardness of temptation, and the peril of Satan, I may triumph like a Conqueror, and behold the power and presence of thy holy spirit : let my last words be those which thy Son did utter upon the Cross saying ; *Father, into thy hands commend my spirit :* and when my speech is taken from me, hear the groanings of my heart, and the desire of my soul, that thy servant may depart in peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord ; to whom be all Praise, Power, Might, Majesty , and Dominion, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Sick saith, Job 14. 1.

MAn that is born of a Woman, hath but a short time to live, and is full of misery; he cometh up and is cut down like a flower: He fleeth as it were a shadow, and never continueth in one state. In midst of life we are dying: of whom shall we seek for succour and comfort but of thee O Lord God our Maker?

A Psalm.

1. **I**n thee O Lord have I trusted, let me never be confounded; but rid me and deliver me in thy righteousness, incline thine ear to me, and save me.
2. O Lord rebuke me not in thine indignation, neither chasten me in thy heavy displeasure.
3. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak: O Lord heal me, for my bones are vexed.
4. Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul; O save me for thy mercies sake, for in death no man remembreth thee, and who shall give thee thanks in the pit?
5. Consider and hear me, O Lord my God,

God, lighten mine eyes that I sleep not in death, shew me thy marvellous loving kindness, thou art the Saviour of them that put their trust in thee.

6. Thou hast been my succour, leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation! look upon my affliction and pain, and forgive all my sins.

7. O remember not my old sins, but have mercy upon me, and that soon, for I am come to great misery.

8. Preserve thou my soul therefore, O my God, and save thy servant that putteth his trust in thee.

9. O comfort the soul of thy servant, for unto thee O Lord, do I lift up my soul.

10. O turn thou unto me, and have mercy upon me: give thy strength unto thy servant, and help the son of thy handmaid.

11. Shew some good token upon me for good, that they which hate me, may see it, and be ashamed, because thou Lord hast holpen me, and comforted me.

12. O satisfie me with thy mercy, and that soon: so shall I rejoice and be glad all the dayes of my life.

13. I am troubled, I am bowed down greatly, I go mourning all the day long: I am poured out like water, and all my bones

are out of joynt ; my heart is like wax, it
melte:th in the midst of my bowels.

14. Help me, O God of my salvation,
for the glory of thy Name, O deliver me,
and be merciful unto my sin, for thy Names
sake.

15. The righteous cry , and the Lord
heareth them, and delivereth them out of all
the r troubles.

16. The Lord is nigh unto them that are
of a contrite heart, and will save such as be
of an humble spirit.

17. O tarry the Lord's leisure : be strong,
and he shall comfort thy heart, and put thou
thy trust in the Lord.

18. O put thy trust in God, for I will
give him thanks, which is the help of my
countenance, and my God : *Glory be to the
Father, &c.*

O Lord my God and heavenly Father ,
which art the health of all men living,
and the everlasting life of them which dye
in faith ; open I beseech thee the eyes of thy
mercy upon me thy sick servant , who
in heart is truly sorrowful for all my sins ;
and of thy fatherly goodness, according to
the multitude of thy mercies, put away all
my transgressions out of thy remembrance :

renew

renew in me what hath been decayed by the fraud or malice of the Devil, or by mine own frailty; preserve me in the unity of the Church, consider my contrition, accept my tears, and asswage my pain, and if it be thy blessed will, restore me to my former health; or if otherwise thou hast appointed, give me grace so to take this visitation, that after this painful life ended, I may dwell with thee in life everlasting, *Amen.*

Lord Jesus preserve me, Lord Jesus comfort me, Lord Jesus pray for me; for only into thy hands, who hast redeemed me, O Lord thou God of Truth, I commend my soul both now and for ever. *Amen.*

The sick faith.

Lord have mercy upon me.
Christ have mercy upon me.

Our Father which art in Heaven, &c

I heard a voice from Heaven, saying unto me, Write, from henceforth, Blessed are the Dead which dye in the Lord.

A Psalm.

O Lord rebuke me not in thy indignation, neither chasten me in thy heavy displeasure.

2. Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak: O Lord heal me, for my bones are vexed.

3. My soul is also sore troubled: but Lord, how long wilt thou punish me!

4. Turn thee, O Lord, and deliver my soul: O save me for thy mercies sake.

5. For in death no man remembereth thee; and who shall give thee thanks in the pit?

6. I am weary of my groaning, every night wash I my bed, and water my couch with my tears.

7. My beauty is gone for very trouble; and worn away because of all my enemies.

8. Through thee have I been holden up ever since I was born: thou art he that took me out of my mothers womb, my praise shall be alwayes of thee.

9. Cast me not away in the time of Age: forsake me not when my strength faileth me.

10. O hide not thy face from me, nor castaway thy servant in displeasure.

11. Thou

11. Thou hast been my succour, leave me
not O God of my salvation.

12. I am poor and needy, make hafte unto
me, O God, thou art my help and my
deliverer, O Lord make no long tarrying,
O Lord deliver me from the power of the
enemy.

Lord help thy poor servant that putteth
his trust in thee.

Send me help from thy haly place, and shall
evermore mightily defend me: be unto me
a strong Tower, O Lord, and evermore
cover me with thy wings:

O Lord hear my Prayer,
And let my cry come unto thee.

The Sick faith.

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and
that I shall rise out of the Earth in the last
day, and shall be covered again with my skin,
and shall see God in my flesh; yea, and I my
self shall behold him, not with other, but
with the same eyes.

O Almighty and immortal God, the Saviour and defender of all that put their trust in thee; the only refuge and hope of the distressed in time of need, mercifully behold the sorrows of my heart, and the groanings of my spirit: thou hast O Lord, of thy power made me of nought, and in my good time I shall return to nought again: I brought nothing into the world, neither shall I carry any thing away when I depart: thou art my portion, my salvation, my Mediator, and my Saviour. O blessed Jesus, by thee came grace and life to the chosen, receive me to thy mercy; thou sufferedst most cruel death for my sake, and art risen the first fruits of them that sleep, thou art crowned with power and glory, destroyedst death, and givest eternal life to all believers: and thou, O Saviour Christ, shalt raise me up in laste day, and give me possession of thy kin, everlasting Kingdom, which thou hast pur-
mised in thy blood and righteousness, ac-
cording to the will of our merciful Father,
whom thou hast pacified and pleased, for my
redemption and salvation; for the perfor-
mance of the oath which in his eternal and
searchable purpose he promised our fore-
others, whereof in thy merciful favour thou
didst call me to be partaker, whereby I am
taught

taught and comforted by thy holy Spirit, to despise this world, and this corrupt tabernacle of sin; I flesh, which of it self hath deserved nothing but death and damnation, and wholly to relies upon thee. Therefore, O Lord, stand by me, and defend me against the assaults of Satan, that after triumphant victory, through grace and power in thy Spirit, I may joyfully give over this fleshly being, and come into thy presence, O Lord, ^{my} to rest in blissful peace, untill the delivery ^{of} _{with} of thy Saints, with whom I am in assured hope, by the witness of thy Spirit, to have him, my portion of the inheritance of perpetual salvation, and life everlasting, through Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O my soul be joyful in the Lord, and despise not his correction, neither faint thou at his rebukes.

For whom the Lord loveth him he correcteth: yea, he scourgeth every child whom he receiveth.

Thy sins were innumerable, neither couldst thou claim ought of duty, but death and damnation.

Thy merciful Lord hath accepted the tears, and repentant groanings, and turned away his face from thy offences, he freed thee from thy sins.

And because thou hast repented, and trusted in his mercy, he bath put them all out of his remembrance, neither will he think on them any more.

He will receive thee into his house, and crown thee with glory and kindness.

Thou shalt stand before his presence in the Sanctuary everlasting.

With Angels and Arch-angels, with the Patriarchs and Prophets, with the faithful Witnesses, and with all the rest of the chosen Children of grace, to honour him, to serve him, to magnifie him, and praise him, with continual thanks in eternal joy and felicity, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

A Psalm.

O God my God look upon me, why hast thou forsaken me, and art so far from my health, and from the words of my complaint?

2. How long wilt thou forget me, O Lord, for ever? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me?

3. O God I cry in the day time but thou hearest not; and in the night-season also I make no rest.

4. And thou continuest holy, O thou Worship of Israel.

5. Call

5. Call to remembrance, O Lord, thy tender mercy, and thy loving kindness which have been e. er of old.

6. Shew thy servant the light of thy countenance : and save me for thy mercies sake.

7. Thou hast been my succour, leave me not, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.

8. My time is in thy hand : deliver me from the hand of mine enemy.

9. O keep my soul and deliver me : let me not be confounded, for I have put my trust in thee.

10. O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord, thou art my God, my goods are nothing unto thee.

11. The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance, I have set God always before me, for he is on the right hand, there fore I shall not fall.

12. Wherefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiced : my flesh also shall rest in hope.

13. For why, thou wilt not leave my soul in hell, neither shalt thou suffer me to see corruption.

14. Thou shalt shew me the path of life ; in thy presence is the fulness of joy, and at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Glory

Glory be to the Father, &c.

As it was in the beginning, &c.

O spare me a little, and suffer me to recover my strength O Lord, before I go from hence, and be no more seen.

Now, O my Soul, look upon Christ Jesus the Righteous, thy Advocate and Relemer, who is ready to receive thee; there be glad in him, and give thanks, rejoyming in the visitation of the Lord, by which he hath prepared thee for the heavenly Jerusalem, and everlasting bliss! I acknowledge, O Lord, I have deserved to dye, and desire I have to live, is for the amendment of my life, and in some better measure to set forth thy glory; therefore good Father, if it be thy pleasure, restore me to health again; and grant me longer life. But thou hast in thy eternal decree appointed sickness to be a preparation to my immediate dissolution, and by it to call me out of this transitory life; I resign, commit, and willingly commend my spirit into thy hands in holy pleasure; beseeching thee to bless me from the second death, the everlasting destruction both of body and soul. Let my soul throughly consider of the account I owe to thee my God, and how few minutes soever it hath to remain in my body, let

let the power of thy Spirit recompence the shortness of time, and perfect my account before I pass away. Be pleased, O Lord, in the reconciliation of thy Son for my sins, Let the infiniteness of my offences rely upon the infiniteness of thy mercy by his sufferings: breath inward comfort to my heart, and confidence in thy gracious promises; that though my body be going the way of all flesh, yet my soul may go the way of all Saints. Lord hear me and help me, stand by me and save me; and if it be thy determination to lay my body in the grave, to receive my soul into thy Kingdom, to rest in joy and peace for evermore, through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Sick faith.

O My soul, thou which art endued with the image of God, redeemed with the blood of Jesus Christ, enlightened by the Holy-Ghost, adorned with virtue, and accounted with Angels.

Love thou him who loveth thee, trust in him who careth for thee, seek thou him who seeketh thee.

My soul, O Lord, heartily desireth to attain to that supernatural City, whereof such

thing

things are spoken: My heart longeth, my soul thirsteth till I enter into my Masters joy.

To which everlasting joy, O Lord, receive my soul, where all thy Saints rejoice in eternal joy and thanksgiving, singing praises and Alleluja's to thee the Lord our God.

*Eye hath not seen, nor ear hath heard,
nither entered into the heart of man, the
things that God hath prepared for those that
love him.*

Glory be to the Father, &c.

Di-



Directions for the Sick.

MAn for the violation of that great Command which God his Creator gave him in the beginning, hath exposed him and his posterity to a certain and sure doom, in these words : *Thou shalt dye the death; For the wages of sin is death; the gift of God is eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord,* Rom. 6.

Variable, and therefore miserable is the condition of man : this hour, this minute in health, in the next by a sudden change and alteration at the point of death : In the morning flourishing like a Palm, like a green Bay-tree ; in the evening cut down, dried up, and withered ; for we consume away in thy displeasure, and are afraid at thy wrath-federal indignation, *Psal. 90. All flesh is grass, and the glory thereof as the flower of the field,* Psal. 40. *The glory of man is as the flower of the field, which withereth and falleth away,* 2 Pet. 2. 4. *He considereth we are become*

but flesh, and as the wind that passeth away,
Psal. 78. Our life is but of a short continuance, and full of trouble; man cometh up like a flower, vanisheth like a shadow, falleth sick and dyeth, sleepeth and riseth not until the heavens be no more, *Job 14.* As soon as thou scatterest us, we are even as sleep, and fade away suddenly, and in thy anger all our dayes are gone, and ended as a tale that is told: And what man living shall not see Death? Dust thou art, and to dust thou shalt return, *Gen. 3. 19.* Thy body shall return to earth, the centre of the body; and thy soul to Heaven, to God which gave it, to everlasting glory, who at the last day, the day of the Resurrection, will re-collect, re-unite thy Body, though turned to Atoms, and thy soul, at the voyce of the Angels and Trumpet, Arise ye dead and come to Judgment; the Righteous to receive everlasting happiness, and the Wicked eternal torment. Wonderful and great hath the love of God been unto mankind, in our Creation, Redemption, Preservation, and giving us assured hopes of eternal salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord; for being fallen from blessedness, by the sins of our first parents, into the snares of Satan, and thereby become his bondslaves and servants, over-
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come

come by sin, *Joh.* 8, and being servants of sin, we are freed from Righteousness, *Rom.* 6. God so loved us, that he sent his only Son to be reconciliation for our sin, *Joh.* 4. 10. Rich in his mercy whereby he loved us, *Eph.* 1. Christ suffered for our sin, to bring us unto God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickned by the Spirit, *1 Pet.* 3. He sent Redemption to his People, Holy and Reverend is his Name, *Psal.* 111. He gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, *Tit.* 2. Therefore blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for he raised up a mighty salvation for us in the house of his servant *David*, *Luke.* 1. 68.

Our life here on earth is a warfare, full of trouble, misery, and vexation of spirit, a daily tempest, and continual strugling between the mind and the flesh; the Law of God, and the Law of sin; and so numerous are the calamities and troubles of our dayes, that were it not for the hope of Heaven, it would be little better than Hell it self; crosses and afflictions, troubles and molestations unavoidably rush in upon us, as fast as *Job's* messengers, hourly and daily; for men, as they are all the Sons of their mothers, are subject to all misery, born to live few dayes, in many dangers: whose glory may well be blesse compared

compared to the shadow in the Sun, which in the morning of our greatness, is in a goodly lustre ; at noon at the full, beside us ; at night in the wain, quite behind us. There is nothing in this vale of misery permanent or certain ; prosperity and adversity not long abiding : Health and sickness often at variance ; no joy, no happiness, no felicity, no tranquility for continuance can be expected here in this world. The only ease and consolation to our distresses, the blessedness of content and rest to our wearisome souls, is to be looked for in the world to come : What honour, glory, pleasure of earthly delight however, but is subject to instability, passible and uncertain ? which made the Wise-man, upon his experience cry out, *Vanity of Vanity, all is Vanity.* And the singular motive to a man in any affliction for the suffrage of sorrow, need, sickness, or any adversity whatsoever, is, that by the sweet, it united blessings, patience and content, at last by paying an inexcusable debt to death, which, who so liveth, of what estate or condition soever, cannot but think he they must dye, will bring us to that eternal rest, to the blessed enjoyment of everlasting felicity, to dwell in glory for evermore : For blessed are the dead which dye in the Lord

from henceforth, yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours, and their works do follow them, *Rev. 14. 13.*

Death is a sleep, a departed breath from dead earth, inlivened at first by breath cast upon it; to dye is to be no more unhappy, it is true to those over-swayed by nature, death is accounted a misery, but to men refined by the light of Judgment, it is esteemed the only remedy against misery, as it is the wages of sin, it is due to us; and as it is the end of all grief and sickness, it belongs unto us. It delivereth us from all cares and troubles, and bringeth us to all joyes unspeakable; by it we shall receive fulness of grace, perfect and accomplished regeneration and perfect glory, which while we are on earth, we have but in part: here we see darkly, as in a glass, then shall we see face to face: the all heavens you behold, shall be superinvested with new endowments, made everlasting habitations for the Saints prepared; by death we pass to immortality, nor can we attain eternal life, but by leaving this life; yet surely corporal death is no period of life, but a passage to eternity; though our body sleep a while in dust, it shall rise again after thy likeness: As for me, saith the Prophet David, I will behold thy face in righteousness having

and shall be satisfied when I awake. Holy Job saith, Though all my flesh be consumed to bones, yet thy Spirit blowing upon dead bones, can revive them, and couple them again with sinews, and cloath them with flesh. The dead men shall live together, with my dead body shall they arise; awake and sing ye that dwell in the dust, for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead, *Isa. 26. 19.* For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God; if the earthly house of this tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building perfect of God, an House not made with hands eternal in Heaven, *2 Cor. 5.* Christ is risen from the dead, and made the first fruits of them that slept, *1 Cor. 15.* Though in Adam we all dye, yet in Christ shall all be made alive. That body that was sown a natural body, shall rise a spiritual body, *1 Cor. 15.* Therefore let us be comforted, and not fear the pains of death, the approach of which suddenly makes a man to know himself; he tells the proud and insolent they are but dust, and sleep in an instant makes them to repent and hate their fore-past happiness; he takes an account of the rich, and proves him a beggar, having interest in nothing but in the earth.

that fills his mouth; shews the beautiful
their deformity, and they hate it; he draws
together the far-stretch'd greatness, all the
pride, cruelty, vain-glory, and ambition of
man, and covers it all over with dust in the
narrow limits of a grave; And though for
some years the body lies mouldred in the
grave, it shall at the last be raised in honour
and glory; purified, perfected, and immor-
tallized from a dungeon of misery, to a place
of all felicity; to our own Country, into Pa-
radise, where we shall meet with *Abraham,*
Isaac, and *Jacob,* the Patriarchs and Pro-
phets, Saints and Angels, our Friends and
Kindred gone before us, which we shall see
and behold in Mount Sion, the City of the
everliving God, in the company of innume-
table Angels, praising and magnifying the
Lord of Heaven, in white Robes, and Palms
in their hands, following the Lamb where-
soever he goeth.

I will wait till my changing cometh, then
shalt thou call me, and then shall I answer
thee, O Lord; I come and appear before
thee, *Job 14. 14.*

As the Hart panteth for the water-brooks,
so longeth my soul for thee, O Lord, *Ps. 42. 1.*

And forasmuch as all mortal men are sub-
ject to many sudden perils, diseases, and
sicknes-

sicknesses, and ever uncertain what time we shall depart out of this life; there shou'd no day pass without consideration for our last end; which meditation is very requisite, both for them which are in perfect health, as those that feel the hand of God by sickness: that death will come is certain; but when, how, or where, is very uncertain. It is appointed for all men once to dye, *Heb. 9. 27.* but the day when, God hath not revealed, because we should be ready every day; it comes as soon to the young man, that glorieth in his strength, as to some in a good old age; to the rich fool in a night, as to the poor in the anguish of his soul; to some violently, to others untimely by accident; to some by sudden and unexpected death without warning; to all, some one way or other. And being Almighty God hath pleased to lay this sickness upon you, and therein time to repent assure your self it is his visitation sent to you to try your faith and patience, or else to correct and amend what is amiss in you, or whatsoever hath offended your heavenly Father; for every child whom the Lord loveth he correcteth, to prepare for a better world; affliction seals us up to adoption; by it he exercises his Children, and the graces he bestows upon them: it is a

special means to further our contrition and repentance: In affliction, saith the Lord, they will bear me. *David's* troubles made him pray; *Hezekiah's* sickness made him weep; and misery drew the Prodigal child home: We have the Prophets examples and patterns of bearing afflictions patiently; which though the punishment and shame is of sin, God turns to be the subject of his honour and glory, in saving a sinner that calls upon him in faith and true repentance, to Heaven. His chastisements are signs of his Fatherly love; which, though for the present, seem grievous unto us, afterward it bringeth quiet fruit of righteousness, to those whom the Lord giveth grace to make a sanctified use of it, for which he hath inflicted this sickness on you.

And know you certainly, though your sins are many and grievous which you have committed, by the temptation of the Devil; yet upon your true repentance, God hath promised to forgive; the benefits of which, are, the escaping eternal death, God's everlasting punishments, and the attaining eternal salvation: where sin abounds, there grace much more abounds. God calls all those that are heavy laden, to refresh and ease them of all their trouble; the Lord forsaketh

no man, till man forsaketh him: Look not so much upon the greatness of thy sins, as to the riches of his mercy, and let thy soul be comforted in the All-sufficient attonement of the blood of Jesus Christ. Let the wicked (saith the Lord) forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts, and let him return unto me, and I will have mercy upon him, and I will pardon him abundantly: Let not your conscience be terrified at the remembrance of your transgressions, for there is no sin bars a man from salvation, but incredulity and impenitency. Therefore lift up your hearts unto the Lord, call unto him for mercy, repent earnestly of your sins, and have a lively confidence in Christ's merits, and doubt not but upon your humble contrition and sorrow for sin, with sighs and tears (the blood of a wounded soul) God will receive your soul into everlasting happiness, to live in eternal glory, which he of his infinite mercy grant, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

The sick saith:

O God the Father of Heaven, have mercy upon me miserable sinner.

O God the Son, Redeemer of the World, have mercy upon me miserable sinner.

O God the Holy-Ghost, proceeding from

the Father and the Son, have mercy upon
me miserable sinner, &c.

By thine Agony and bloody-sweat, By
thy Cross and Passion, By thy precious
Death and Burial, By thy glorious Resur-
rection and Ascension, and by the coming
of the Holy-Ghost.

Good Lord deliver us.

In all time of our tribulation, in all time
of our wealth; in the hour of death, and in
the day of Judgment.

Good Lord deliver us.

I Humbly beseech thee, O Father, merci-
fully to look upon mine infirmitieS, and
for the glory of thy Names sake, turn from
me all those evils that I most righteously haue
deserved; and grant that in all my troubles
I may put my whole trust and confidence in
thy mercy, and evermore serve thee (if I
live) in holiness and pureness of living, to
thy honour and glory, through Jesus Christ
our only Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

The Friends of the sick party shall exhort
him to examine himself of his estate, both
towards God, and to wards man; that so by
the condemning of himself, he may find mercy
at the hands of God, for Christ Jesus sake.

1. Of the confession of his faith.

2. Of his sins and offences, both against
God

God Almighty, either publick or private, or his Neighbour in word or deed.

3. Of his confidence and faith in Jesus Christ, for the death and passion he suffered for all sinners.

4. Advise the party to send for the Minister, that he may pray with him; for the Lord hath promised to hear the prayers of the Faithful for us, and to forgive us our trespasses; And that he may give him the holy Communion of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ; he living Bread that came down from Heaven; *If any man eat of this Bread, he shall live for ever: the Bread that I give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the World; for whosoever eateth my Flesh, and drinketh my Blood, hath eternal life, and I will raise him at the last day,* John 6, 51.

5. Advise him to call to mind w^t at injury or wrong he hath done to any man in word or deed, that he may, like good *Zachens*, make satisfaction where he hath injuriously and fraudulently taken and detained from any man, by oppression or deceit, his goods or mony; for without restitution there can be no Repentance; and if no Repentance, no expectation of salvation.

6. Advise him also to set his house in order, for death will not be long in coming.

Ecclesiastes,

Eccles. 24. and that the covenant of the grave is not revealed to any : and to make a judicious distribution of his estate, not forgetting the poor.

The sick faith.

1. I believe in God the Father Almighty,
&c.

2. I am fully persuaded, and undoubt-
edly in my confidence believe, and do con-
fess and acknowledge before God and you
here present, that every point and Article
of this my belief is true, and necessary to
salvation.

3. I acknowledge that I have been a grie-
vous sinner, offending my God many wayes,
both in thought, word, and deed, and am
guilty of the breach of all his Command-
ments; deserving for the same his heavy
wrath and indignation against me; I am sor-
rowful and mourn in my soul for them, tru-
sting that the Lord for Jesus Christ his sake,
who sitteth at the right hand of God, making
intercession for my sin, will have mercy upon
me, and grant me forgiveness for the same,
and after this life ended, receive me to his
eternal habitation.

4. I confidently believe that Jesus Christ
is the only Mediator and Saviour of all man-
kind,

kind, and that I shall be saved by the only
merits of his precious death and passion,
which suffered on the Cross for my salva-
tion; denying all meritorious works of my
own, and that there is no name under heaven
whereby I may be saved, but in the name of
Jesus Christ.

5. I do from my heart freely forgive all
the World, all those that have any way
wronged, injured, or offended me by word
or deed, as I desire to be forgiven of God.
And I desire likewise, all men whom I have
often offended, by committing any unjust,
unconscionable, or uncharitable act or deed,
to forgive me, being sorry for what I did,
to their prejudice or hurt.

O Lord I beseech thee hear my prayer,
and spare me which do confess my sins; that
I whose conscience by sin is accused, by thy
merciful pardon may be absolved, through
Jesus Christ. *Amen.*

O Lord my Redeemer, have mercy upon
me, and receive my spirit.

*A Prayer to be said by those that Visit
the Sick.*

O Most mighty and eternal God, which hast compassion on all men, and haest nothing that thou hast made; mercifully we beseech thee to have compassion on this thy servant, who by thy visitation hath been sorely afflicted, and by the same even brought to the termination of his dayes, and end of his life: be pleased good Lord to have mercy upon him, accept of him as the work of thine own hand, a Lamb of thy fold; thy servant, redeemed by Jesus Christ; who is willing by thy appointment, to leave this miserable World, in full assurance of thy mercy in Jesus Christ, for the remission of his sin: guide him good Lord, in this his last journey, that he being quit of all the troubles of this transitory World, he may safely by thy power, be conducted to the Haven of eternal happiness, into the arms of thy unspeakable mercy, to everlasting peace, to perpetual joy, and there to reign with all the company of Saints and Angels in eternal bliss for evermore.

Good Lord we beseech thee, by the abundance of thy goodness, by the multitude of thy

of thy mercies, by the merits of thy Death and Passion, by the glorious Resurrection and Ascension of Jeses Christ, have mercy upon him: deliver him from the burthen of his sins, the fear of death, and the power of Hell; and give him a quiet and joyful departure, and receive him in thy favour to the fulness of joy in thy everlasting Kingdom, to reign with thee world without end. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving after Recovery.

O Lord my God and heavenly Father, seeing it hath pleased thee of thy infinite mercies to withhold my life from the pit of corruption, and in good measure restored me again to my former health, crowning me with mercy and loving kindness, my soul and all that is within me shall praise thy holy Name: I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart, and sing praises unto thy Name, O thou most High, for the health of my body; I bless thee for it with my soul: and good Lord, give me also the health of my soul, then shall I magnifie and praise thee for thy goodness, with soul & body. This gentle correction hath brought me nigher unto thee, and upon thy forbearance I have promised amendment of life; and that I may so do, assist me with thy grace,

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give me constancy and perseverance in good works, and keep me from relapsing into those sins which induced thy former judgments: and though the custom of sin take away the sense of sin, and my infirmities being many; yet good Lord, forsake not my soul in any temptation, neither suffer me to fall into such notorious sins again, which I have truly repented me of; but so guide me by thy grace in the small remainder of my dayes that I have to live in this World, that my life may be ordered by thy governance, and always do that which is righteous in thy sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Psalm 116.

I Am well pleased, that the Lord hath heard the voyce of my prayer.

2. That he hath inclined his ear unto me: wherefore will I call upon him as long as I live.

3. The snares of death compassed me round about: and the pains of Hell get hold upon me.

4. I shall find trouble and heaviness, and I shall call upon the Name of the Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee deliver my soul.

5. Gracious is the Lord and righteous: yea, our God is merciful.

6. The

6. The Lord preserve the simple: I was in misery, and he helped me.

7. Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul: for the Lord hath rewarded thee.

8. And why? thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.

9. I will walk before the Lord in the Land of the living.

10. I believed, and therefore will I speak, but I was sore troubled: I said in my haste, All men are liars.

11. What reward shall I give unto the Lord for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?

12. I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord.

13. I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people: right dear in the sight of the Lord, is the death of his Saints.

14. Behold (O Lord) how that I am thy servant, I am thy servant, & the Son of thy hand-maid, thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.

15. I will offer unto thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving: and will call upon the Name of the Lord.

16. I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the sight of all his people: in the Courts of the Lords house, even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord. *A*

A Morning Prayer for a Private Family.

O God the Father, Creator, and Maker of all things in Heaven and Earth; O Christ the Redeemer of all mankind; and thou (O blessed Spirit) the Sanctifier of all the Elect, have mercy upon us; spare us most miserable sinners whom thou hast Redeemed, and be not angry with us for ever; but hearken unto our Prayer, receive our petitions, and grant our requests, for Jesus Christ his sake, our only Lord and blessed Saviour.

We thy poor and unworthy Servants, in all humility of Soul and Body, and unfeigned acknowledgment of our bounden duty, prostrate our selves before the Throne of thy mercy-seat, praising and magnifying thy Fatherly goodness, for the abundance of thy blessings, for the multitude of thy mercies, continually heaped upon us; beseeching thee for Christ his sake to be merciful to all our sins committed against thy divine

divine Majesty ; upon the consideration of which, we confess we are not worthy to appear in thy sight, much less to ask a blessing at thy hands ; for by reason of our corrupt Nature in us derived from our first parents , our inclination hath been prone to commit all manner of sin and wickedness against thy goodness ; thy Laws and Precepts we have broken both in thought, word, and deed ; out of our hearts proceed evil and wicked imaginations, which defile the soul, and the whole man is altogether abominable ; the eyes that now look up to thee for mercy , have beheld vanity ; our tongues that now call upon thee, have blasphemed thee ; our hands now lifted up to heaven, have been lifted up against thee ; our feet have been willing to run to commit any mischief by the temptation of Satan ; our wills being continually averse to thy commandments ; the Law of sin is in our members, repugnant to the Law of our mind, making us altogether unworthy of the least of thy mercies ; and miserable that we are, the numberless number of our sins have been multiplyed as the number of our sinful dayes have increased ; these things, O Lord, we have done to our shame, and if thy mercy prevent not judgment, to our utter destruction of soul and body ;

body; we must acknowledge thou who art our Creator, who hast made us, by the precious death of Jesus Christ redeemed us, and by thy holy Spirit sanctified us; and many are the blessings and benefits which we enjoy both in soul and body; therefore by the contrition of our hearts, by the testimony of our consciences, we stand convicted, and at the horrid thought of our sins we are mightily astonished; what shall we say, or wherein shall we open our mouths, who shall deliver us from the misery due to us for our transgressions? nothing can be expected in this life but misery and confusion, and in the world to come eternal condemnation. But yet, O Lord, in obedience of thy command, and in confident assurance of thy endless and unspeakable mercy, promised in Jesus Christ to all sinners, with sorrow in our hearts, with shame in our face, in humility of spirit, we appeal from thee, to thee; from thee a just Judge, to thee a merciful Father; from the Throne of thy justice, to the Seat of thy mercy; beseeching thee to have mercy upon us, O Lord, to have mercy upon us, and turn thy face away from all our sins, and blot out all our transgressions; for the only meritorious death and passion of Jesus Christ thy innocent Lamb, who so abund-

abundantly shed his blood on the Cross to take away the sins of the World; accept we intreat thee, that inestimable price of his sufferings, for a full ransom for all our sins; remit them unto us, and divert thy Judgments and punishments from us, and assure us of thy love and favour in Christ: and for the time to come, work in us by the graces of thy holy Spirit, true and unfeigned Repentance, and faith with strength against sin, and grace in some better measure to do thy will; reform our affections, transform us out of sin, into the glorious liberty of thy own children, to live in newness of life, in holy conversation, and continual obedience to thy divine Majesty.

And seeing O Lord it hath pleased thee of thy goodness to deliver us from the power of darkness, and all dangers of the night past, affording us quiet and comfortable rest, bringing us safe to the beginning of this day: our souls and all that is within us shall praise thy holy Name; desiring continually to render unto thee all possible praise and thanksgiving for the incarnation of our Blessed Saviour, for our Redemption by passion, for our Creation, Election, Justification, and Sanctification in some good measure, and assured hope of Glorification in the World

to come : we likewise bless thee for our lives, health, liberty, peace and prosperity, for our preservation, and deliverance from evil since we were born, for the freedom of thy Gospel, for the comfort we enjoy under His Majesties happy Reign ; for delivering our Church and Kingdom from Forrein Invasion ; for sparing and giving us so long a time of Repentance : for these thy blessings and benefits our souls shall praise the Lord of Heaven, whose mercy endureth from generation to generation.

Bless and defend us (O Lord) this day , direct and protect us in the same, bless our going out and coming in ; let thy Spirit guide us in all our Actions, deliver us from the temptation and malice of the Devil, and keep us both in soul and body from all his devices ; and let thy grace preserve and guide us in all our wayes, that we may walk circumspectly, and strive to avoid all occasions of committing or running into such sins, which by nature we are apt to fall into : set a watch before the door of our lips, that we may not offend thy Majesty by ill words, or blasphemous oaths ; keep us we beseech thee from violent passions, which provoke thy wrath and indignation against us ; and guide our feet in the way of peace, which leads us

to everlasting salvation : Let the dew of thy blessing descend upon our labours, and prosper thou the work of our hands, O prosper thou our handy-work ; make us diligent and dutiful in our calling ; and that we may have a good conscience in all our dealings, not any way to defraud any man, knowing one day we must give an account for all our words and deeds : And good Lord, we beseech thee so to bless our endeavours, that we may raise such a competency and convenient sufficiency, void of wretched care, for the supportation of our lives, in a modest and civil manner ; and especially give us hearts and minds contented with what thou shalt be pleased to lay upon us, strength and patience in all afflictions and temptations, troubles and adversities, which seal thy children to salvation : give us meekness, and humility in prosperity, and constancy in well doing ; and for the small remainder of our lives, that we have to live here on earth, give us grace to consecrate it to thy service, and live in thy fear, not setting our hearts on transitory things, but carefully labour to redeem the time, not deferring our repentance , but endeavour to make our calling and election sure, working our salvation in fear and trembling, before we go hence and be no more seen :

seen: And grant us, O Lord, that when the race and course of our natural life here on Earth is finished, we may at the last receive a crown of righteousness, which thou from the beginning hast laid up for them that fear thy Name.

In these our Prayers, we further intreat thee, O Lord, for a blessing upon thy Church universal, more especially we beseech thee to continue the peace and prosperity of these Churches wherein we live, and every member thereof; more especially, ever mightily protect and defend, from all evil and danger; and bless with the chiepest of thy blessings, thine Anointed, and our dread Sovereign Lord King *Charles*, the Queens Majesty, *James* Duke of *York*, and the rest of the Royal Progeny: Bless the Lords of his Majesties honourable Privy Counsel, the Reverend Clergy, and all Civil Magistrates: bless all our Friends and Kindred and acquaintance; bless us all, good Lord, from the highest to the lowest; help and comfort all our brethren, that in this transitory life be in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity: Comfort the comfortless, help the distressed, and defend all that Travel by Land or Water; and work in all and every one of us, true fear of thy holy Name,

Name, and constant resolution to serve thee
to our lives end.

Good Lord hear, Lord hearken unto us
we beseech thee, and accept of this our
Morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;
hear our prayers, and grant our petitions
that we have asked, and all other blessings,
which thou in thine infinite wisdom knowest
most necessary for us, and thy whole Church;
we ask and crave at thy merciful hands, in
the Name, and through the Mediation of
thy dear Son, our blessed Redeemer, our
only Lord and blessed Saviour Jesus Christ,
in that most excellent form of Prayer, which
he in his holy Gospel hath taught us, saying;

*Our Father which art in Heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, thy Kingdom come,
C. c.*

*The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the
Love of God, and the Fellowship of the
Holy Ghost be with us all for evermore.
Amen.*

An Evening Prayer for a Private Family.

O Eternal God and Heavenly Father, which hast made of one blood all mankind, and breathed into us the breath of life, and assigned times and length of our life in this world, which thou continuest according to thy good pleasure; and if thou withdrawest thy hand, we soon perish, and are returned to dust, whence we were taken: we will therefore shew forth thy power in the Evening, and magnifie thy goodness for saving us this day from dangers, and from our birth, in the whole course of our lives hitherto preserving us: for thou art a God of patience, pity, and much forgiveness; shewing mercy unto thousands, and blotting out all our offences. O Lord, we pray thee set not before thine eyes the horrible confusion, uncleanness, and wickedness of our hearts, (being replenished with loathsome darkness, of ignorance, errors, ~~doubtings~~, and distrust) yea, our vile hearts have

have been turned away from thee, and all the powers of our souls and bodies are filthily defiled and weakned with wickedness ; only we cry aloud unto thee, favourab'y to consider the troubles and sorrows of our hearts, to strengthen our infirmities, and to pardon our most horrible offences : for we are wounded and weak, and cannot be holpen but only through thy exceeding great mercy. There is no health in our flesh, because of thy displeasure, neither is there any peace or rest in our souls, by reason of our sins ; yet hear thou us (O Lord) for thy Holy Name-sake, for Jesus Christ his sake pardon and forgive us all our sins that we have committed against thee this day ; and grant us, thy grace, that we may amend our lives, and unfainedly serve thee in the several duties of our Callings, to thy gl'ory, and the comfort of our own souls ; remit our punishments, restore us to thy wonted favour, and receive us into thy most gracious protection, and keep us this night and evermore, that the Devil may have no power over us, nor the sin of wickedness may be able to hurt us. Whether we sleep or wake, live or dye, we're alwayes thine, thou art our Creator and Redeemer ; guard us about with the Armies of thy Holy Angels in our habitations ;

Expel and remove far away from us wicked Spirits (our mortal enemies) and graciously protect us from our persecutors which lay snares to subdue us : Do thou (O God) afflict us, that we may peaceably sleep and rest in thee : hide us in thy Tabernacle from the strife of all men, and we will fear no evil, for thou that keepest us, dost neither slumber nor sleep ; thy rod and thy staff do alwayes comfort and defend us : Let thy mercy (O God) prevent and follow us all the dayes of our lives, that we may dwell in thy House of defence in longness of dayes, praising thee evermore, Father, Son, and Holy-Ghost, one true, gracious, and everlasting God, ruling and reigning world without end.

Our Father which art in Heaven: Hallowed, &c.

Lighten our darkness we beseech thee, O Lord, and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of thy only Son, our Lord and Saviour, J E S U S C H R I S T.

Let thy mighty hand, and out-stretched Arm, O Lord, be still our defence ; thy mercy and loving kindness in Jesus Christ

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thy dear Son our Salvation; thy true and
holy word our instruction; thy Grace and
holy Spirit our comfort and consolation, to
the end, and in the end. So be it. *Amen.*

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
&c.

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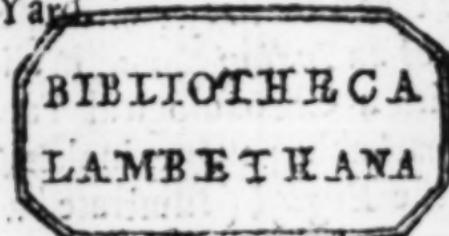
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